







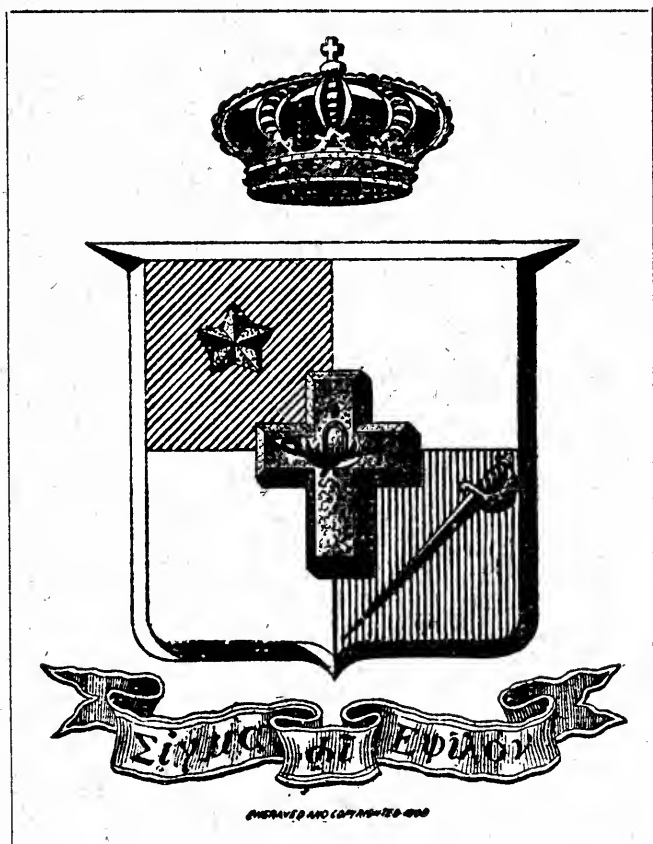






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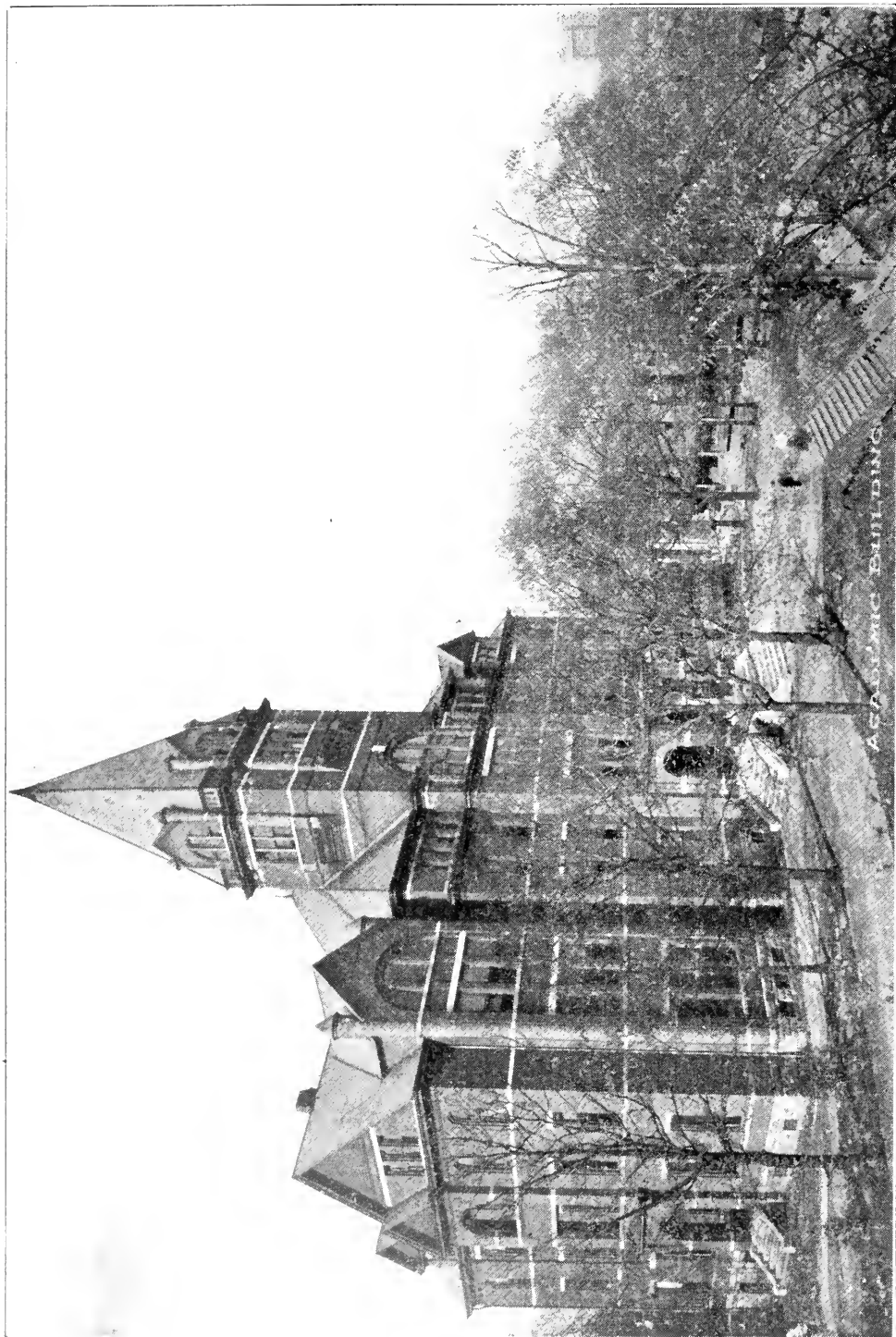
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### AFTER THE FRATERNITY, WHAT?

To many men fraternity life is college life. To most college men college life is life. If so, after the fraternity, *What?*

So ingrained in the life and routine of the fraternity do some men become that an awakening from the dream takes place only through rude projection, by graduation, from the life of the school into a cold, unfriendly, jobless world. Lethargic, stunned, helpless, the victim, in mental panorama, views the passing show of good fellowship, social life, the routine and pleasures passed which contributed to love of ease, lack of initiative, and bliss of college life.

The fraternity should function strongly here by overcoming these tendencies and substituting values which have for their purpose the making of the whole man.

In part this may be worked out through sound scholarship, competition, sharp and keen, with "men who know" is the business of the hour. The "frat" man who makes good must know his job, even it must be a better knowledge à la Emerson if he is to weather the storm. *Grind, Grind, Grind*, should feature in college life with nothing short of mastery for an ideal. The college man who does not know or who has not acquired the habit of work is dross on the market. He must spend the major portion of his time trying to market his talent or, perchance, even to get a job.

Along with this knowledge of materials must go a knowledge of men. This knowledge should include such material as is requisite to the *Mastery* of men.

The future of each undergraduate Greek rests firmly, or on the sand, at the will of the individual; but rest it must, on fraternity life. Fraternity men should be leaders in college if they are to function in the field of leadership afterwards. To this end each Greek should push his way into those school activities which are most likely to furnish the drill and preparation necessary to his choice of vocation, and

those conducive to strengthening his weakness. Fields for drill in every conceivable line of activity are found in the environment of the college and should be utilized to their utmost capacity. Such a life plan will lessen the time usually afforded those diversions that tend to "soften the manners," destroy initiative, and leave the graduate jobless and helpless.

The world's work must be done and leadership is necessary. By adopting some such plan or program fraternity life may be made to function more effectively in developing leaders in life, and in crushing opposition to its kind.

Fraternally,  
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*Arkansas Alpha, Σ Φ Ε, '08.*

FRATERNITY OBLIGATIONS.

For a dozen years or more, as treasurer or trustee, I have been responsible for the collection of house notes and other pledges of three organizations—two fraternities and one sorority. These duties have brought me various experiences, pleasant and otherwise, and have incidentally resulted in my collecting \$10,000 or so for the three organizations. As a remuneration for the expenditure of my time and effort I have been permitted to come into contact with various sorts of human nature, and I have learned much as to how fraternity men and women meet their obligations.

The notes which are given by members of fraternities at the University of Illinois are usually for ten dollars each and are ten in number, payable one each year for ten years following the student's graduation. Sometimes only five of such notes are given. An illustration of the form of note drawn is given below:

CHAPTER HOUSE FUND\$10.00

Champaign, Ill.,.....19.....

.....year.....after date I promise to pay to the order

of THOMAS A. CLARK, Trustee of Chapter House Fund of

....., the sum of TEN DOLLARS (\$10),

with interest at 6 per cent. after maturity.

The proceeds of this note are to be applied to the purchase of a

Chapter House, and will be used for no other purpose.

(Name).....

Address: .....Street.....City.....State



Though I have never tried it, it is rather unlikely that these notes could be collected by process of law, and so they must be considered more as debts of honor than as legal obligations. Not many men, however, care to have such obligations put into the hands of an attorney, even if there is little likelihood of his being able to collect, and so I have found that some men who are otherwise reluctant or stubborn about paying will yield rather than have the matter tested. Men will tell me to try it if I think it will do any good, but at the same time they will pay rather than suffer the humiliation in their own towns of having it tried. Human nature is certainly a queer thing.

Of the three sets of notes which I hold and have made an effort to collect, two were for purposes of raising money to pay off a debt some time ago contracted, and the other set was to help meet the expenses of building a chapter house. The former I have found more difficult of collection than the latter, for the reason perhaps that there was a less tangible and visible object for raising the money. Paying for something that is already eaten up or burned or worn out is too much like paying for a dead horse. The house was an object of interest and pride, an object which the men could enjoy, and come back to, and for that reason, perhaps, they more readily put their money into it. My experiences were similar in each of the three cases; but to avoid confusion, my discussion and my illustrations will have to do with the collection of the money for the house fund.

To begin with the signing of these notes was entirely voluntary. Not all the men signed them, and no men lost caste or favor who refused to do so. In the majority of cases the first note came due within a year after the student's graduation. Even though the man at first drew a small salary, ten dollars a year could not be considered a very heavy assessment.

The work which I do in the attempt to collect these three series of notes is of course entirely gratuitous. There is no personal advantage to me in the collection of the money. It takes time and often time which I can very ill afford. I have never received in return what the collections have actually cost me, and I seldom get thanks, even, from the people whose interests I am trying to conserve. I have always felt that if I were willing to work for nothing and pay a part of my own expenses that I am at least entitled to a courteous reply to the letters that I write, but whether I am or not, I often receive none. I have written men regularly twice a year for ten years and have never received a word of reply—and these men were quite able to pay. I do not care so much what they write as that they say something. I should rather have an impertinent letter than none at all. If they do not intend to pay, if they have lost interest

in the fraternity, if they have objections which they wish to make to the management of the organization, I welcome all these various points of view. If they are hard up, broke, going to be married, or going to pay in a month, or even if they think I am a swindler or a grafter, I am glad to know, for all these things give zest and variety to an otherwise monotonous task. It is this dead silence, like a freshman just before initiation, that gets on my nerves.

I have in mind one man who always answers my letters with a promise of payment in the near future. He has been doing this for years, and though he has never paid a cent, I like him for his courtesy. He is a gentleman if he is a liar, and I should a thousand times rather do business with him than with the fellow who, having given his word, ignores all communications advising him of his obligation.

The men who paid the most readily were not always the men who could do so with the least sacrifice. The man who was first to cancel his ten notes was a young fellow working for fifty dollars a month, who without notice from me paid the first five notes when they came due and then discontinued the last five at five per cent. and took them all up.

The two men who have not paid a single note, though the entire ten are now past due, are prosperous fellows quite well able to meet these obligations easily. Neither of these men has ever acknowledged any one of the twenty or more letters which have been written him, but if they should do so and should analyze their reasons for not paying and should put them down in black and white, they would probably resolve themselves into two. In the first place, upon leaving college these men moved far away from the scenes of their undergraduate life. In the localities to which they went there were few college men and few associations to remind them of the fraternity. Naturally, they thought less and less of college ties as time went on, and when the first letter came reminding them of their overdue obligation they neglected it, and thought no more of it, perhaps, until the notice of the second overdue note came. Now an obligation of ten dollars is not so hard to meet, even by one whose income is small, and who is practicing economy, but when this sum grows to twenty dollars the strain upon the pocketbook is considerably more than twice as hard. To many young fellows the problem of meeting an unexpected financial obligation of twenty dollars seems so difficult of solution that he gives it up and thinks no more of the unpleasant business. When these delayed payments amount to thirty, fifty, or one hundred dollars, the idea of payment is unthinkable.

The second reason why men like the two I have mentioned do not pay is found, I believe, in the fact that they were taken into the fraternity late in their college course, never assumed, or possibly

never were allowed to assume, any responsibility for its control and management, and so left college without much to tie them closely to the fellows left behind. The fraternity to them, seen in the widening perspective of the years that have intervened, seems little more than a boarding or lodging house in which they may have spent a few transient weeks. To send money to keep up such an institution seems to them like dropping it into a friendly rat hole.

The solution of the first of these difficulties lies with the man himself who should take his obligation to the fraternity seriously and who should meet it honestly and promptly as he would meet any other business or social obligation which he has assumed. The second difficulty can be met by an active chapter which should keep more closely and regularly in touch with its alumni than most chapters with which I am now acquainted keep, and which should make a constant and strong effort to get all of the old men back as frequently as possible. The chapter can help, also, in impressing upon the men, while undergraduates, their obligation to meet all their debts with promptness. The average fraternity man, if on account of his financial limitations he were called upon to choose between the alternative of attending a formal party or of paying his overdue chapter house note, would seldom hesitate long in choosing the former course. Pleasure before business is too often his motto.

The excuse for non-payment which men give are interesting. As a rule I have found that the men who do not pay do not have the courtesy to offer an excuse, but simply ignore the obligation. The occasional man, however, having leisure and a stenographer offers an excuse. Some men hold that money paid by an alumnus to a fraternity, like one's annual contribution to the pastor's salary, is a gift, payment of which may be withheld to any time which may suit the mood or the convenience of the giver. He feels that his "I promise to pay" when given to the treasurer of his fraternity still leaves him free to keep his word or not as he chooses. He does not stop to think that the building of the chapter house was based upon the integrity of his written word, and that if he does not honestly meet his obligation the chapter is often seriously and even irreparably injured.

Marriage, I have found, is considered by most men an adequate excuse for failure to meet any financial obligation entered into before the marriage occurred. When a man entrenches himself behind a little family, he seems to feel safe from any arrows of financial obligations which may be hurled against him. Even an engagement is considered no mean excuse and makes the man immune from the effects of previous debts as vaccination protects him against smallpox. If there are children his fortress is invulnerable; nothing can effectively storm his financial citadel. More recently assumed obliga-

tions also are wont to take precedence of a chapter house note. The man who buys a farm, opens an office, goes into business, takes a trip to Europe, or spends money in any way, considers this a logical reason for not meeting his fraternity obligations. There are, of course, legitimate excuses, and these are generally offered and received in good faith. Even fraternity men suffer misfortunes, are compelled to meet unexpected situations, and fall victims to real hard luck; but they are honest and when the sun comes out and the financial sky brightens they come across with the ten dollars.

The men who never have to be notified, and their number is small, or who, if they forget, respond to the first call are the men who when in college amounted to something in the fraternity and in the college. The really strong men in the active chapter are the dependable supporters after they go out into the world. There are of course exceptions to the rule, but as a general thing the men who, after they are out of college, meet their fraternity obligations regularly and willingly are the men who while in college did the greatest amount of hard work to make the fraternity what it ought to be. The fraternity notes with reference to which I have drawn these conclusions first came into my hands about twelve years ago, so that for many of the men the tenth note is now past due. As I look over the list of men whose obligations were met and who have paid up the entire series, I find few who were not as undergraduates a source of distinct strength to the chapter. They were men who realized their obligations, who took responsibility, who stood for the best things for which the fraternity stands. They were the ones who gave to the fraternity the best that was in them and who therefore received from it the highest that it has to give. Recognizing, as they still do, what the fraternity has done for them they are still willing and anxious to help in its maintenance. The men who do not pay are, on the other hand, usually the ones to whom the fraternity meant little or nothing, and who mean little or nothing to it.

As to my methods of collection I have tried every sort of appeal. Sometimes I write a simple direct note like the following:

"Dear Brother Jones: This letter is simply to inform you that your fourth chapter house note for ten dollars (\$10.00) was due July 1st. As usual we need the money." Sometimes I try the persuasive power of broken furnaces, scaling paint, unpaid taxes, and summer loan dues. I have called to my aid often alumni more prominent than myself with the hope that through the influence of their position and personality the purse strings of the negligent alumnus might loosen. I have tried to reach them through the regular chapter letter; I have tried to reach their pride, their loyalty, their

honor; I have even threatened at times, or dropped into irony, with about the same result in each case. Each sort of appeal touches some one, though no appeal that I have yet devised seems to be generally effective.

Last fall, when at our regular annual home-coming some twenty of the old fellows returned to see the big football game of the year, I presented the case to them, and they all agreed that it was not creditable to the old guard. They passed some beautiful resolutions, got out a "hot" letter to the fellows who were back on their notes and all signed it. It was an interesting fact to note that though perhaps a dozen of the men who signed the resolutions and the letter were themselves behind in their payments, not one has sent in any money, and, so far as I can determine, not a dollar has come in as a direct result of the letter.

One who understands the job of making such collections as those which I am discussing may very well be thankful if he has a sense of humor; otherwise his temper may frequently be tried. I have been interested to note the attitude which the negligent alumnus often takes toward the unfortunate officer whose task it is to collect the money (usually at the expense of his own time and purse) for the fraternity. Not a few fellows have the same attitude apparently as they might have if he were asking them for a personal loan or a gratuity.

I have been asked often what percentage of these obligations I have been able to collect. This is a pretty difficult question to answer since no one can tell that an obligation is absolutely worthless until the one who made it is dead. Even in this seemingly hopeless situation one can never be quite sure, for occasionally relatives may have a greater sense of obligation than did the man himself when alive, and may come to the financial rescue. Every once in a while a man pays whom I have considered for years as hopeless, so that for me in this experience "Hope springs eternal." So far in the two cases in which the notes were given to raise money to meet a debt already contracted I have been successful in collecting in one case little more than fifty per cent. and in the other about seventy-five. In the case of the notes to help build a chapter house I think I have already collected about eighty per cent. of the amounts due and may ultimately bring the percentage up to ninety. In this case the unexpected is always happening. The man comes back and sees the house, or his younger brother or his wife's cousin is starting to college, and, wanting to make good with the active chapter, he liquidates. Maybe he meets an old pal who stirs up his recollections of other days, or he strikes it lucky and has an unusually generous feeling. In any case

something happens that makes him send in the ten or the twenty that gives me a sudden shock of surprise. It may be if I live long enough and the fellows who owe do not themselves die, I shall be able to collect it all. Here's hoping.

In the meantime I suppose that there are a good many unfortunates like myself throughout the country whose job is to get fraternity men to meet their chapter obligations. To help them and me I believe the active chapters of fraternities may do a good deal. The active chapter should keep as closely as possible in touch with the men who have gone out from it by means of frequent and detailed chapter letters.

Perhaps one of the reasons why I have not been more successful than I have been is because the number of letters which our alumni receive, in which they are directly asked for money, are so much in excess of the number of friendly or newsy letters which they receive from the chapter that they hesitate to open their correspondence for fear of receiving a dun. The condition is, however, not entirely my fault, for I have all that I can do to keep up the correspondence with regard to financial matters without entering largely into matters of gossip. I should be very glad, and more successful I have no doubt, if some one else would undertake regularly to look after the gossip.

Alumni should be urged regularly to visit the active chapter so that they may not lose interest in it or be ignorant of its affairs. The sooner the chapter gives its under classmen responsibility and develops their initiative and interest in chapter affairs the sooner these members can be depended upon to have a permanent and vital interest in the upbuilding of the chapter, and the more likely they will be when they leave the active chapter to meet their obligations to it.

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## GERMAN UNIVERSITIES.

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"I am a high priest for the truth. I have dedicated myself to her and am in her employ. I have consecrated myself to do all, to risk all and endure all for her." Thus spoke the immortal Fichte many years ago. This is the sentiment of the true student and teacher, and permeated by it he sings, "A student's life is the life for me, I own I love it well, and only those who have tasted it, its joys can ever tell." Many an ideal the student may outgrow, but one remains and that grows ever more and more precious, namely, the apprehending of truth, is as far as possible. Animated by this desire, yea, compelled by it, the student delights in sitting at the feet

of the masters even after he has achieved his doctorate. But why should the American student choose a German university for post graduate work in preference to an American school?

He is actuated by several reasons. First, the student seeks the culture which travel and living abroad insure; second, German universities lead the world in certain departments of learning, namely, in the natural sciences, pure philosophy, psychology, theoretical economics, and theology; third, the student wishes to observe something of the organization of the German universities and the methods of instruction employed by their professors; fourth, "Grass on the other side of the fence is always the greenest."

Upon the arrival at any of the great German universities the student is disappointed at the plain structures which serve as university buildings, and he smiles when he sees the poor equipment of many of the laboratories, but he is all admiration when he studies the organization of the universities and notes the remarkable results achieved by them. And certainly those of us who have done research work know how to appreciate German scholarship.

The German professor challenges the admiration of the world. He loves the truth for truth's sake, and dedicates himself to its pursuit with an ardor which is admirable. Thorough, painstaking in all that he undertakes, he represents the highest type of scholarship. If undivided attention to detail is a sign of scholarship, then the German professor indeed is a scholar. Conscientious to a fault in the fulfillment of his duties, he never swerves an iota from the path outlined for him. To the stranger the professor appears brusque and harsh. And an aristocrat he certainly is. His vanity is a predominating characteristic. However, once you really learn to know him, you find that although the professor has a good opinion of himself he is kindhearted, a royal entertainer and a loyal friend.

As a rule, the American student finds the German lecturers dry. The subject matter treated is excellent, logical and full of substance, in a word it constitutes concentrated learning. Analytical, and if at all possible historical, the learned lecturer overturns a regular cornucopia of facts over his hearers. Naked fact after naked fact is hurled at the student until he fairly gasps for breath. The student wants as much learning as possible. He glories in facts, but it does make a difference, how they are presented. The delivery of the average professor is abominable. No effort is made to make the lectures attractive or entertaining. While listening to a dissertation one feels that the attitude of the lecturer is: "Here are the facts. I present them to you. Take them or leave them. It is immaterial to me."

Every student of the university constitutes a declaration of independence. He is as free as the bird that flies. Indeed German

student days are days of the greatest and most complete freedom from outward compulsion that life affords. After matriculation has taken place the student is absolutely free to choose what course he will. No check is kept upon his attendance; no tests are given to disturb his tranquility. The university regulations merely demand that the student shall register for at least one lecture course in each semester, not that he shall attend even one. Upon matriculation each student fills out an application blank enumerating the courses and lectures he wishes to attend. The treasurer schedules these courses, collects the fees, inscribes the names of the course in a student's Anmelde book, which bears the name of the student who presents his individual book for signature to each professor under whom he plans to take lectures. This is done at the beginning of each semester. At the close of a course of lectures the student again takes his Anmelde or announcement book to his professors, who thereupon "sign him out." No record is kept of the student's attendance. All that is required is that the student present his little book for signature at the beginning and at the close of the semester. I knew several students who spent almost an entire semester at home and received full credit for the semester's work. Others take the opportunity offered to travel, all that is necessary is that care be taken to get the professor's signature on the appointed days. It goes without saying, that the instructor knows nothing whatever of the progress his students are making or whether his hearers are really getting the gist of his lectures. Of course he may know by the applause which greets him whether or not his lectures are popular. When a lecturer expresses sentiments which please his hearers a tremendous stamping of the feet follows. On the other hand, if a lecturer says anything distasteful to those present they give evidence of their disapproval by a shuffling of their feet.

The great day of reckoning for the student comes when he presents himself as a candidate for the degree of the doctor of philosophy. In order to obtain a doctor's degree six semesters resident work at some German university are required. At least three of these must be spent at the university at which application is made for a degree. In exceptional cases two or three semesters credit are given to students having done work at some foreign university of recognized standing. The principal part of the examination is a scientific treatise, the dissertation; the oral examination is secondary, being intended rather to guard against deception. In Germany there are twenty one universities. These practically all have the same requirements, but it is much easier to get a doctor's degree at a small university like Jena or Heidelberg than at a large one like Berlin, because of the critical examinations given at the latter.



As far as duelling is concerned it may safely be said that it has been abolished altogether, and if it is indulged in it is against the express command of the rector. However, the mensur or fencing bout, in which life is never in danger is still in vogue. Football and baseball are practically unknown. Cricket is played occasionally, while bicycling and long walking tours are very popular.

In summary let me indicate the essential characteristics of the German university system.

(1). All universities are under state control. They are important supporters of German unity. Private institutions do not exist.

(2). Absolute freedom in research and instruction is a fundamental principle. Neither professor nor student are under supervision.

(3). In Germany all university professors are investigators and scholars, and all investigators and scholars are teachers in universities, with few exceptions.

(4). Academic instruction is primarily theoretical and scientific. The important thing is not the student's preparation for a practical calling but his introduction into scientific knowledge and research.

(5). The professors of the universities are very carefully chosen. The teachers usually pass through three stages. They enter their academic career as private docents; after a shorter or longer period of years they are promoted to extraordinary professorships in case they distinguished themselves by scientific research and prove their ability as teachers, and finally they reach the last stage in the full professorship.

These points constitute the essential characteristics of the German university system. Admirable it is, but perfect it is not. That it is the most perfect of university systems in existence is the opinion of many observers and scholars. And after all the best criterion of any system is its success. The aim of the German university has been the production of a nation of scholars and investigators. This aim has been abundantly accomplished. German universities stand in the front rank and are second to none.

Fraternally,

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## WHAT WE MEAN BY "FRATERNITY"

There has been a great deal of discussion in the public press and periodicals about college fraternities and some state governments have been passing prohibitory laws against their existence. It is urged against them that they are snobbish, create false standards of living, foster things that are non-scholastic and have a baneful influence against democracy. The spirit of conflict, of rivalry, which leads to a show of only material things is wrong, so these opponents say. The state legislators seem to think that the state should not support an educational institution where more than one standard of comradeship is allowed to exist and that no student should be permitted to join with others and form a society that may be limited in its membership and have any other subject than book knowledge. Such exclusiveness should have no place in a democratic institution supported by public funds is the claim.

These charges find their basis largely in the exclusiveness of fraternities and the feeling that some students cannot be members of them and that those who are members tend to create the feeling that they are better than the common mold of man. Fraternities in some instances have created that basis by their conduct along such lines. But that is only human nature expressing itself and the whole institution should not be thus condemned. Look about us in every form of life and we will find the same ground for condemning any organization of society. In our own towns we can recall churches whose members feel that those of other churches are not quite up to "our standard." There are sewing circles, card clubs, dancing clubs, political organizations, residential districts whose members feel that all others are quite without the pale of real society. Some members of any Christian faith are apt to think that those of another faith do not quite belong to the elect of the future. The followers of one prominent exponent of the Progressive faith think that those of the Republican faith are simply beneath recognition, while Democrats are as bad as ever.

So I say that this agitation is wrong because it does not take into consideration the fact that some units in any form of organization of human society will have a feeling of exclusiveness. So also do they have a feeling of privilege, than which there is no greater mistake a human being can make in our society. But it cannot be rectified by law any more than the feeling in some that they are privileged to commit crime can be eradicated by Penal Codes.

Most of the evils that arise from fraternities spring from a mistaken notion by individual members of what fraternity really is and

means. Effort should be made to understand thoroughly and use properly fraternities and their objects before eradicating them by prohibition. Please do not think that I am going to sermonize in my remarks, rather am I going to try to convey what fraternity in its truest form is not, and is.

It is not a license. It does not give you the privilege of extravagance, intemperance, lewd conduct or lax methods of living. Membership in one is not an excuse for things that are not countenanced in a society of high standards. The precepts of any college fraternity are all against such a thought. It is not a protection, in the sense that you can do wrong with impunity. The fraternity will not protect you from the consequences of your own evil conduct, nor shield you from public ill favor. A fraternity requires just the reverse of that idea, for it requires protection from you.

Neither is it one of those oriental vehicles—a sedan chair in which you can lay back in comfort and be carried out into pleasant places, over smooth roads, free from personal effort. Your brothers are not your coolies, nor your guides, nor your protectors. You all are members of one family of equals, where each must play his part and carve his own niche where the love of his fellows can come and abide. The college fraternity is an institution designed primarily for good fellowship among young men. A means of gathering congenial spirits into closer bonds and developing men of character and force. It is a privilege because it is indeed a privilege to eat, to sleep, to live in close contact with other men. One gets to know human nature best in that way. The privilege of eating three times a day with thirty or forty other young men in the most intimate relationship is one that you ought to cultivate. The privilege of seeing those same men in their birthday clothes, and the consciousness that they are going to see you is one that tends to keep you clean and wholesome. Is this privilege abused? Yes, very often, just the same as every other fine thing is abused. But if each of you senses what a glorious thing it is to be able to make the most of this privilege you will never abuse it. You will let your moral fibers feed upon it until they become so strengthened that you will need fear no marriage laws founded on eugenics.

Fraternity is also an opportunity for service. Some fellow brother needs the love and helpful strength of a strong character. Be that character at the opportune moment. Do not be the one to laugh and jeer when one of your number is slipping. Rather reach out the hand of true comradeship and help him. If you need advice, on the other hand, there are those you can go to and feel confident you will receive it. The seniors have been over the road the freshmen must travel and to them is given the greater opportunity of service. If

properly grasped such an opportunity fits one for his life after college as no book can. The opportunity of knowing men, working out the problems, and working with them in your own is a rare thing in college life. It fits one for leadership.

Fraternity is the death of selfishness, and vice versa. A selfish man has no place in true fellowship. You cannot get anything for nothing in fraternity life. You must leave some of yourself in it. The sponge, the man who only absorbs and never gives or shares is the one who will get the least good in such a relationship. If he gives nothing, nothing will he receive. All the effort, all the sacrifice and love you can put into the fraternity will earn you uncounted dividends in the love, friendship and sacrifice from your fellows; not in this transitory period alone, but in after years when the conflict of a cold world makes life seem hard. That is where the affection of your fraternity counts most. It is one of the happiest things in my life that I can come back here at any time, to visit the scenes of my most enjoyable years, and find here a welcome from youth in such generous measure. It pays me a thousandfold for all the effort I ever made or put forth for this Fraternity. Those who have gone out and left nothing of themselves here, find nothing on returning. The more you do as an individual to make your Fraternity a success; the more you live up to its ideals; the better you play your part, the more you will love it, and the greater will be your capacity for love and sacrifice for good among the people in the larger field of activities in the future. These things make for character, which after all is the thing that carries you farthest along the road of life.

Sympathy: That quality of understanding our fellows w' ' ' is so rare and valuable. Sympathy with their faults, with their problems, their hopes, their failures, their moral fight, their success. When we analyze what we regard as faults with a sympathetic rather than a carping mind we find only human nature. Very often the faults of others when looked at with sympathetic eye becomes a looking glass in which we see our own. And when you young men can arrive at that point where your own faults are reflected in your own eyes, you have reached the most important milestone in the road to character. This period in your life is where you make or break your character. Make the most of it by developing this quality of sympathy which opens up the human heart to every good motive and generous thought of an unselfish nature.

Ambition: To do, to be, to arrive. Not self aggrandizement, not material wealth, but the accomplishment of the purpose for which you are here. That purpose is education, both technical and human. It is not the knowledge of books alone that counts in the work that you must do and the part you must play in this world. Knowledge

of men, of human nature, of the motives behind, will make your book knowledge a practical asset. Looking at some men who are not college men one must see that knowledge of men is far more valuable than mere book learning. Here is your opportunity to acquire both. Have the ambition to acquire them. Do not aim just to get along and walk up for your diploma, but seize the opportunity in the curriculum to acquire one kind of knowledge and the opportunity in the fraternity and its relation to student activities to acquire the other. Make this your ambition and the sinews of your character will develop amazing strength.

**Energy:** The force, the power so essential in life. This is the force required to get things, to do things and to be something. You may have the ambition, but if you lack the energy, ambition becomes envy. Drive yourself onward and forward, ever conscious that your fraternity and your associates will rejoice in your success and mourn in your failure.

Every fraternity admires its home or longs for one. We have one here that is symbolic of your membership. It stands out there on that hilltop, like you stand out among your fellows. It can be seen from any point on the campus, in the city or in the surrounding country. It is a marked spot. So you are a marked man. When that badge was pinned on you, you became marked among your fellows. You can no longer do as you like and benefit or injure yourself alone. You have become a fraternity. People among whom you move will see in you alone this fraternity. If you are the black sheep in the household, they will color the fraternity black. That is why the fraternity needs your protection. It will be judged by your conduct. That is a responsibility which rests on your shoulders and cannot be shirked. It does one good to realize that he represents an institution as well as himself. It quickens his sense of right and wrong, or should. As that house stands out clear and proud, let your character be such that the fraternity will stand out as an institution where character is built and a manly man is developed.

As I stood on the porch of that house and contemplated the magnificent view that it commands I was suddenly impressed with the idea of how much life was thus represented. When you arrive to the day in June that marks the end of your college course go up there on that porch and face the west as I did. Behind you lays the campus, the scene of four happy, trouble free years, probably the easiest and pleasantest years of your life. Down below you lies the valley, typical of the world of work to which you are about to descend. To the south winds a pleasant highway leading to shady nooks and babbling waters as they tumble over Buttermilk Falls—a little side trip from the valley of work where pleasure and carefree places abound

and where lovers choose to wander. To the north of you stretches Cayuga Lake in all its beauteous sheen, reflecting in its clear blue depths the summer cottages and hotels built for pleasure and the vacation periods in life. It is but another avenue from the valley of work which you will often travel in search of rest and recreation. Directly before you, but way below the hilltop where you are and where you have been pleasantly sojourning for four happy years, lies the valley. Therein are found the shop, the store, the factory, the office, the market place, the money changers, your future field of labor. There is typified every struggle that the years to come contain for you. Across to the far side are the marshes, the brothels, the "Rhine," typical of the temptations and failures in life, the things that will confront you and with which you must fight and which you must master as you journey across the valley. For on the far side looms up that great hill in the west with its long road clearly marked, straight up, as it climbs to meet the sky where the sun sets. That is the hill on which the sun first shines in the morning and last shines in the evening. That road up to the western horizon everyone must climb. Some will drop on the way, wearied of the struggle, overcome by the obstacles that confront them. Some will sink in the marshes and be forgotten but the pilgrimage is always toward the setting sun.

The porch where you will stand belongs to the home where you will live until that day in June arrives; it is the home of the fraternity to which you belong, the institution which contains the essential elements of character and teaches them. Open wide your mind and heart now for those elements and teachings so that your moral fiber may be toughened, your manhood brought to its greatest efficiency. Let this opportunity not pass, but seize it cultivate it and gain strength by it; equip yourself for the struggle in the valley, acquire that strength of character which will carry you up that hill and enable you to tarry on the summit in a pleasurable old age and command obedient memory to recall these happy days while you await the setting of the sun.

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## SPAIN FOR THE TOURIST.

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*(This article was contributed by Brother Plummer of Portsmouth, Virginia, and at the time it was written he was employed by the American Embassy at Madrid.—Editor).*

Be he a confirmed tourist or one who indulges merely in an occasional vacation, the traveler who visits Spain for the first time will be assured of at least one thing—his book of experiences enriched by a new leaf. Fortunately for the lover of the picturesque, but disastrously, perhaps, for the economic weal of Spain and Portugal, the Pyrenees have protected the Iberian Peninsula from permanent contact with the peoples to the north of it. Portugal has escaped the general isolation more than Spain, and for centuries has been united to Great Britain by close commercial ties.

Spain has felt the hand of many conquerors. In turn came the Celts, Carthaginians, Romans, Goths, Vandals and the Moors. Each race left its impression on the life and institutions of the country; but out of the process has emerged a people of strong individuality and self-appreciation, suspicious of its neighbors and satisfied with its own superiority. Literary and artistic inspiration entered Spain with the Moors and the students and churchmen from Italy; but even the influences they brought with them, powerful as they were, served but to blend finally with Spanish ideals.

The Spanish monarchy early attained its supremacy as a world-power and as early fell from its pedestal; the stars of Spanish glory rose and set beyond the seas, in the New World, and but an occasional gleam of its brightness reached the Mother-Country. The House of Austria ended in 1700 with the death of Carlos II the Bewitched—the nation had reached its lowest ebb. National life lay dormant for sixty years, until the accession of Carlos III. This fallow period, however, produced little result, and it was not until the past century after the War of Independence and the two bloody wars of the Carlists that Spain began to regain her lost vigor.

Within the present decade an intellectual and commercial revival has set in which bodes well for the future prosperity of the country. The traveler subject to utilitarian motives may be sure of combining profit with pleasure during his stay in the Land of the Dons.

The Spanish are fond of explaining their passionate enthusiasm for the bullfight by comparing the shape of the Peninsula to a bull's hide, and saying that nature so ordained it from the beginning. Others see in the contour of the coast-line the likeness of Don Quixote. On the French frontier are the mighty Pyrenees, rivalling

the Alps in grandeur and ruggedness, their rocky sides broken by few mountain passes. But what Nature has not given, man seeks to provide, and the Canfranc railway tunnel is in course of construction to shorten the route between Paris and Madrid. The beautiful Cantabrian Mountains of Asturias and Galicia are but a prolongation of the Pyrenees. On the south is the famous range of the Sierra Nevada, with the highest peaks forever tipped with snow. The bleak Guadarramas near Madrid separate Old and New Castile.

In physical configuration and climate Spain presents more contrasts than any country in Europe. The greater part of the interior of the country is an elevated plateau, surrounded by mountains, rain-



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less for most of the year and subject to extremes in temperature. Madrid, nearly in the geographical centre of the Peninsula, is 2,135 feet above sea-level. At the capital practically no rain falls during the hot summer, but the nights are delightfully cool—this is generally the rule in Spain—and the city is agreeable the year around. The months of January and February bring snow and bitter winds from the Guadarrama range, but the temperature is never low enough to kill the palms which grow in the public gardens. Avilia is said to be the coldest city on the central plateau. Along the Mediterranean coast from Barcelona to Gibraltar the climate is mild and invigorating, especially to invalids, and in spite of its proximity to the sea, the air in this region is remarkable for its dryness. Tropical vegetation flourishes luxuriantly, and at Elche, in Murcia, the date-palm grows and ripens its fruit with an abundance equalled only in Africa. Murcia is particularly suited to those suffering from tuberculosis. This



coast region is the richest commercial and agricultural section of Spain. Here are the manufactories of Catalonia, the orange groves and *huertas* of Valencia and the vineyards of Malaga.

The provinces bordering on the Bay of Biscay receive many rainy days during the year, and green meadows and densely-wooded mountains are pleasant features of the landscape. Galicia has been termed appropriately "the Spanish Switzerland." To one accustomed to the large forests of Northern Europe the absence of trees in Central Spain is likely to prove disappointing. It may be said truthfully that thousands of Spaniards live and die without ever having seen a tree. Spain is watered by several large rivers—the Ebro, Tagus, Duero and Guadalquivir—and along their banks are extensive irrigation canals and prosperous gardens. But even though the arid plateau lacks irrigation, it supplies the nation with bread and some years has enough wheat for export.

In her people as well as her topographical features and her products Spain shows marked contrasts. The interesting but often inaccurate novel has led the world to think of the Spaniard as a stalwart, swarthy fellow, gorgeously dressed, and as fascinating as he is impudent. His women-folk have fared but little better, and in the foreign mind they are pretty, dainty creatures, rather heartless and ever ready to provoke bloodshed. This conception of the Spaniard is only a faithful picture in certain districts of extreme Southern Spain, and to apply the same standard without discrimination is unjust to the great mass of the sober-minded Spanish. There are nine peoples in Spain: The Castilians, Catalanes, Andaluces, Valencianos, Basques, Navarros, Gallegos, Aragoneses and Extremenos. With the exception of the Basques, who are the oldest people in Europe and have a speech related to the Mongolian, the differences are mainly those of language or local customs. The leading peoples are the Castilians and the Catalanes. The former is the gallant and graceful courtier of ancient romances, who has given his language, literature and ideals to the country. The Catalan is the modern Spaniard, somewhat Teutonic in his physical and mental make-up, turbulent in spirit, alert in business and akin to the American in his fondness for gaining money, but, unlike the American, slow in spending it. In Catalonia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands Lemosin is spoken almost to the exclusion of Castilian, the official language. In stature the people of the north are tall and broad-shouldered, and many blonds are to be seen. In Andalusia, where there is an admixture of Moorish blood, the people are smaller and usually very dark. Throughout the Peninsula there is a good sprinkling of Gitanos or gypsies who do not intermarry with their neighbors.

Commercial and common intercourse in Spain is characterized

by a spirit of independent democracy which has no equal in the Old World and which can be fully appreciated only by an American or Canadian. The humblest Spaniard considers himself a gentleman and expects to be treated as such, and he is quick to resent any affront against the dignity which even the beggar maintains. He is prejudiced in regard to what he does not understand and concerns himself with little but his own affairs. His constant *quien sabe?* ("Who knows?") is an answer to all difficult questions. The countryman is a patient, industrious animal who works with his women-kind in the fields seven days to the week; but a true peasant class—as that term is usually applied—does not exist in Spain. The Spaniard is courteous and obliging in his dealings with foreigners, but although he offers them his house and belongings as a form of Castalian etiquette, a sincere invitation is seldom forthcoming, and when offered, should be considered as a mark of especial distinction and friendship.

Railway transportation in Spain still leaves much to be desired. The first-class trains and the trains de luxe are equal in comfort to those of other European countries, but the fares are high and the speed attained is very low. The second-class carriages are uncomfortable but are much used for short journeys. The traveler is likely to be exasperated at the long delays at seemingly unimportant stations by even the trains de luxe. Sleeping—and restaurant—cars are to be found on all trunk lines. From Paris express trains run to Madrid both by way of Irun and by Barcelona. All trains, however, must be changed at the frontier as the gauge of the Spanish roads is broader than that of France. In the beginning this was a military provision to prevent hostile invasion by railway, but it has long outlived its usefulness.

Spain is served by an excellent system of broad, well-kept highways supported by the State and provinces, and adapted to the needs of the motorist. The road from San Sebastian to Bilbao skirts the coast and passes through tunnels cut into the cliffs. For excellence of road-bed and beauty of scenery it surpasses even the famous Corniche of the Riviera. With the exception of the dust and the lack of shops for the purchase of automobile accessories, a motor journey through Spain is a pleasant experience.

Generally speaking, Spanish hotels are bad and lack the creature comforts demanded by travelers. In the larger cities and on the regular tourist track, however, there are notable exceptions to this rule, up to the usual European standard, but having prices somewhat higher than those prevailing elsewhere.

The Spaniards are awakening to the fact that Southern France and Italy have derived benefit and profit from the annual influx of visitors, and they are exerting every effort to attract travelers to the

Peninsula. In commercial vocabularies *turismo* is now a much-used word. Under the able direction of the Marquis de la Vega Inclan, the Royal Tourist Commissioner, the Spanish Government is conducting a vigorous propaganda. Tourist centres under private control now exist in many cities and it is proposed to make them governmental institutions and enlarge their scope of usefulness. There is a revival of interest in Spain and foreigners are beginning to realize that the country is as interesting in the latent possibilities of her peoples as in the traditions of her historical monuments.

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## THE NEW DIRECTORY.

On October 12th the first request was made for name, address and occupation of each brother and to date only about forty per cent have replied. It was thought that the Directory would be ready for distribution by January 1st, but on account of the delay caused by the failure of the brothers to respond it will be impossible to get the directory out before February.

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Letters addressed to the following have been returned as incorrect addresses. If you know the correct address of any of these brothers kindly forward at once.

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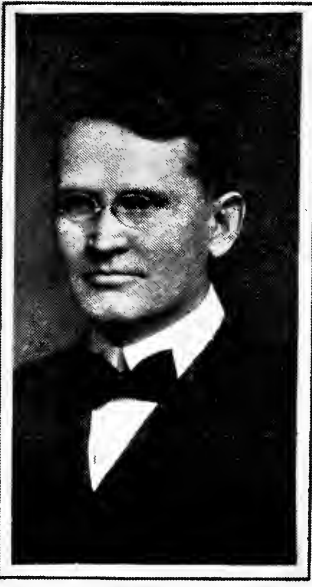
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## FATHER MAKES SON A SIG. EP.

One of the interesting occurrences of the initiations which have taken place this year was in Denver on the night of November 17, 1914.

This was the night set by Colorado Beta for the initiation of several of their pledges, among whom were John Hoover Price, A. B., '18, Denver, Colorado. His father, James Marion Price, Kansas Alpha, '92, who is now Deputy Treasurer of the city of Den-



J. MARION PRICE,  
Kansas Alpha, '92



JOHN H. PRICE,  
Colorado Beta, '18

ver, was invited by Colorado Beta to give the ritual work and to obligate his son, which he did—thus Colorado Beta bears the distinction of having in its chapter an initiate who is the first of the second generation throughout the Fraternity at large and an additional feature is in the fact that by conferring the Ritual work, his "Dad" made him a "Sig Ep."

John Price not only is related to the fraternity through his father but has two uncles, C. A. Price and F. A. Price, who are members of Sigma Phi Epsilon.



## EDITORIALS



✦ FRED A. PRICE, *Editor* ✦

Now that the Eighth Bi-ennial Conclave is a thing of the past, let us each and every one both as individuals and chapters, get together and work faithfully for Sigma Phi Epsilon. Perhaps some measures advocated by your chapter did not receive favorable consideration at the Conclave but the majority must direct the future policies of our organization. We are now one of the strongest Greek letter organizations and let us all continue to advance along the lines of prosperity.

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The Inter-Fraternity Conference met in New York City, at the University Club, on Saturday, November 28, 1914. Representatives from thirty-four national fraternities were present. Σ Φ Ε was officially represented by Grand President Griffin, Grand Secretary Phillips, and Brother Curl, of *The Journal* staff. Brother Otto Rueman, District Deputy, was also in attendance. Many interesting reports were read and fraternity problems discussed. When the minutes of the Conference are published we hope to give extracts therefrom in a future issue of *The Journal*.

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We offer this issue a number of articles that should be of interest to all our readers. Brother S. W. Moore of Arkansas Alpha gives us food for much serious thought in "After the Fraternity, What?" We commend this article to the consideration of every member and chapter that has the welfare of the fraternity at heart. Brother Moore has written for us before, and we are glad to say has found an appreciative host of readers among our membership. Would that other brothers were so willing to aid *The Journal* with contributions. Then we have a "write-up" from our Brother, Dr. Luebbers, of the Department of Economics at Iowa Wesleyan College. He writes on the German Universities, having only recently returned from a year's study in that now war-ridden country. He is a member of Iowa Alpha. The editorial on "Our Friends, The Enemy" is by the Contributing Editor and was inspired by the letter quoted therein. It is offered for your thoughtful

consideration. The articles "Fraternity Obligations" and "What We Mean By Fraternity" are borrowed from other fraternity magazines and give excellent opportunity for thought among members of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The article "Spain for the Tourist" was some months ago contributed by Brother W. J. Plummer, of D. of C. Alpha. At the time the article was written he was in the American Embassy at Madrid. The Editor wishes to thank each of the contributors for their kindness in submitting articles.

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The young men of the Fraternity may be interested, as a rule they are, and thoroughly competent to make rules for Fraternal government. The policies of the Fraternity in their hands, may be progressive and sane, yet, judging from the general nature of things, as we have always accepted them, the older men, rich in experience, have been entrusted with questions of great note. If we are to depend upon the young active members to direct the policies of our Fraternity in the future, how can we hope to build a great and homogeneous structure for the service of future generations? The young men are needed and the more present at our meetings the better, but, we contend that in order to accomplish the best results, the older men must feel the obligation resting upon them to be present at the Conclaves.

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At the recent Conclave at Atlanta, Georgia, there was in all probability no measure enacted that was of more direct importance to the individual chapters of our fraternity than the arrangement for a Sigma Phi Epsilon Song Book. The fraternity has long felt the need of a song book and will probably gladly welcome the announcement that definite plans are now on foot for collecting songs and publishing them in an official book for the fraternity.

There was a committee appointed by the Grand President whose duty it is to arrange for a Song Contest and later to the editing of the book. The members of the committee are as follows: Elvin A. Hamilton, West Virginia Beta; W. P. Huunicutt, Virginia Zeta; Monnett B. Davis, Kansas Alpha, and Paul H. Lawless, alumnus of Kansas Alpha. All songs should be addressed to Elvin A. Hamilton, 509 Front St., Morgantown, West Virginia.

The definite plans of this committee in regard to the contest will be printed and mailed to each chapter of the fraternity. The object of

this article is merely to prepare the chapters for the plans of the committee, and to urge each chapter to take part in the contest. If this result is attained, the success of the book is assured. It is planned, in brief, to offer a valuable prize to the person submitting the best song before a certain date which will be announced in the circular letter. With the proper support, it should be possible to have the book published early in the first semester of next year.

There is a nucleus, to begin with, of seventeen good songs; and this probably does not include them all, for many chapters have songs which were not published in the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal Supplement. Every song, parody, and poem used by the various chapters should be submitted to the song committee, and even though such might not have a chance in the contest, they might be used in the book to very good advantage. It might be well to state that every song used will be published under the name and chapter of its composer. In those chapters where there are no members having especial musical ability, it would be a good idea to appeal to friends and relatives, who are musical. Every effort should be made to have a large number of songs submitted to the committee so that they might be able to pick a sufficiently large number of songs of a good quality. To assure the ultimate success of this undertaking, the united and enthusiastic support of all the chapters of the fraternity is necessary. The date for the closing of the contest will in all probability not be later than the end of the present school year, so that *Now* is not too soon to plan on writing songs and parodies or making arrangements for others to do so.



Do you know that within the past four years, within the present college generation, Sigma Phi Epsilon has been represented in the field of college sport by six men who have been honored with places on mythical "All America" college teams? Many other brothers have knocked at the door of athletic fame. Some seem to be logical candidates for places this year, but six men have already made their mark. Three were from Pennsylvania Delta, one from California Alpha, one from Michigan Alpha, and one from Massachusetts Alpha, who later affiliated with New York Beta.

Brother Ramsdell of Pennsylvania was the first to break into world wide prominence, within the last four years. Transferring from Texas, Ramsdell earned a place on the Pennsylvania team as soon as he became eligible for competition. His speed and terrific



strength gained for him a place on the mythical All-America football team two successive years.

Not content with gridiron fame, "Tex," as he was known to athletic followers, earned a place on the All-American college track team by winning the 100 yard dash from Craig of Michigan at the Eastern Intercollegiate meet. He also ran second to Craig in the 220 and forced Craig to equal the record of 21-1 by Wefers, to defeat him. Craig later won both dash races at the Stockholm Olympic games. After leaving college Ramsdell toured England and annexed the English titles in both dashes, retiring from active participation immediately afterward.

The next Sig Ep of All-America athletic calibre was Karl Shattuck, the California hammer thrower. The remarkable thing about Shattuck's selection is that he was first chosen in his freshman year. At the coast universities freshman are allowed to compete in dual meets, and on the showing he made in the few meets at which he was allowed to compete, Shattuck was awarded a place on Sullivan's mythical team. In the two succeeding years Shattuck was again placed on this team. Last year he was not in college, but will for that reason be eligible this year.

The best throw that the dusky Californian made is 175 feet 10 inches, which still stands as a world's intercollegiate record. It was made at the dual meet between California and Stanford in 1913. Shattuck will attempt to break his own record at the San Francisco Exposition college meet in 1915. Shattuck has also hurled the discus 133 feet.

Caldwell of Massachusetts's Agricultural college first jumped into the limelight by qualifying for a place on the American Olympic team in 1912. Upon his return from the Olympics, Caldwell registered at Cornell University where he was ineligible for one year. In the final race of his college career he breasted the tape at the 1914 Eastern Intercollegiate ahead of Brown of Yale and Merideth of Pennsylvania in the record time of 1-53-2. Earlier in the season he ran the quarter in 48-4 and won points against Harvard in the 220. His right to a place on this year's All-America is not questioned.

Pennsylvania Delta this year had among her members the best battery among the season's college baseball teams. Schwert excelled as a catcher and Sayre as a pitcher. Schwert was a seasoned veteran and captain of the team. His athletic prowess came as the result of steady plugging at the game during his entire college career. Sayre pitched good ball throughout the season and well deserved to be called the best college pitcher in the country. Both were also good batters,

Schwert breaking up several contests by timely hits with his trusty stick.

"Johnny" Maulbetsch of Michigan Alpha is the latest of the brothers to enter the All-America class. His great work in tearing through gaps in the Harvard and Cornell lines, and his great defensive playing throughout the season, led to his selection with Bradlee of Harvard, for a half back position on the mythical eleven.

Maulbetsch is but a sophomore at the University and has two more years of competition. With the added weight which he should take on in that time, he should develop into one of the greatest players that the game has ever produced.

There are many other brothers who have achieved fame along different lines of athletic endeavor. To name one of them would mean the slighting of scores. Every good word which has been spoken for these men is well deserved. They have to the best of their ability striven to uphold the honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon in athletics as well as in other student activities.

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There are occasions when those who oppose us in some pet project prove to be our best friends. Many people there are who believe that the enemies of college fraternities are to OUR FRIENDS, to be found entirely among the class of so-called THE ENEMY barbs. Further it is held by many that all barbs are enemies of the fraternities. This is not so. As often, almost, are the barbs friendly to the Greeks as they are unfriendly. Even when they come out in open opposition to the fraternities they are often doing us an invaluable service. So we may speak of them as "our friends, the enemy," combining in that expression both the fact of actuality and the fiction of general impression.

Opposition does not always mean enmity. We cite the following as an illustration of this fact. The extract is from a letter received by the Contributing Editor from a Sig Ep in San Diego, California. "I have met a number of Greek men out here. There is a Pan Hellenic Association here. They meet four times a year in the University Building and have a time. The last meeting, which I intended to attend, however, was not staged. It came about in this way: Originally the club rooms were maintained by Greeks only. Later due to added expense and a desire for better things, they allowed any university man to join the club, and they then called the club, The University Club. The Pan Hellenic association would have their meeting as I have said four times a year, and exclude the barbs. At the last successful meeting, booze was quite evident. As a result the day the last meeting was to be pulled off, the barb members of the Uni Club put a quietus on the whole affair, saying that

as long as they were members they would object to booze being there in the building. They had a proper complaint filed by a lawyer upon technical grounds, that made the bluff work, and consequently—no Pan Hellenic stunt was staged.”

Let us be thankful in these days, rife with the agitation of the antis, that the “bluff” of the San Diego barbs worked. Let us be thankful that a group of Greek alumni were not permitted to sully the fair name and purpose of Greek Letter Societies by pampering an unhealthy appetite. Let us be thankful that the undesirable stigma attaching to college fraternalism in many sections is not to be strengthened by the unwise, thoughtless, and selfish acts of the alumni Greeks of the Pacific city. Why do I speak of these acts as selfish? Is it not selfishness for a small section of a larger unit to be so intent on having a “good time” that they are willing to risk disgracing the larger unit to further the end desired? San Diego Greeks, in their planning for a second “booze fest,” were planning for an affair that would disgrace in the eyes of many people the entire University Club, and not the Greeks alone. Not only would the club be disgraced but a shadow of discredit would attach itself to every university man in San Diego, be he Greek or barb.

Every Greek, active or alumni, would have to suffer also. Some directly, others indirectly. But beyond a doubt such affairs work more directly against the active men than against the inactives. The former bear the burdens of Greekdom in that it falls to them to keep the system alive. They have a right to expect alumni to help them to bear the burdens as well as to share the privileges of being fraternity men. How much were the Greeks of San Diego doing to help their undergraduate brothers to prove that there is a justification for the fraternity system? At the University of Nebraska the Pan-Hellenic banquet has been done away with because certain alumni brought liquors into the banquet hall, and used them, even to excess in some cases, after the actives had voted a “dry” spread. As a result, complaint was heard from all over the state and fraternities gained many enemies. Outside the state reports were exaggerated and spread throughout the nation. Iowa and Chicago papers described the affair, in their accounts placing tubs of liquor on every table. That the story went far is shown by the fact that a former Nebraskan wrote from the nation’s capital that he was sorry to read in the Washington papers that “Nebraska played hell at its pan-hell.” The banquet is to be no more. What might have been a profitable get-together meeting of the different chapters has proven a failure. Five hundred active Greeks at Nebraska have to suffer for the unkind selfishness of their alumni brothers to the number of perhaps thirty

who had failed to heed the teachings of their fraternity rituals.

The barbs at San Diego are unwittingly better friends to the fraternity system than are the Greeks of that city. They did nothing unfair in opposing the "booze fest." It is only where opponents are unfair that they are in truth our enemies. A fair opponent is never as harmful as a weak, unwise, and selfish brother. It is but right that barbs are our friends. All hail to "our friends, the enemy!" They are of much greater value to us than "the enemy, our friends." Fair opponents, such as the San Diego barbs seems to be, are not the opponents of the college fraternities, but rather of a sham fraternalism that seems to have found a place within our ranks, to be cherished there by our own weak brothers. Why can we not work together to clean out the filth that has crept in, and not have to depend on the healthful opposition of outsiders to do it for us? In other words, let the step forward be taken positively rather than negatively. Let the fraternity ideals shine out. Let the ideals of our own particular society be our inspiration. That would be to administer the proper remedy.

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## The Conclave a Great Success

*(With apologies, we present a very incomplete write-up of the Conclave. The minutes of the sessions have not been completed and we are unable to give in detail any of the business of the Conclave. The convention group picture which was taken in Atlanta has not, as yet, come to our hands, hence there is no cut of the entire delegation in this issue. Brother Hunnicutt had also promised us a humorous department with several cartoons and this has failed to reach us. Not wishing to delay the publication of this issue any longer, we ask your forbearance with that which we have at hand.—Editor).*

The Eighth Bi-Ennial Conclave is now a matter of history. The sessions were held on November 23, 24 and 25th at the Georgian Terrace, Atlanta, Georgia. The hospitable south was this time the host.

To Georgia Alpha Chapter should be given most note-worthy praise for the gallant way in which this chapter entertained the visiting brothers. Nothing was left undone and Chairman E. D. Ivey showed by his untiring efforts that Georgia Alpha could be real entertainers. Thanks to Brother Ivey and his chapter.

Several of the brothers pre-arranged their trip and were able to

join each other enroute and in this way numerous brothers became acquainted before arriving at Atlanta. A special car from New England brought many brothers to Atlanta on the same train the day before the Conclave and many of the western brothers traveled together from Kansas City, Missouri, to Atlanta, being joined by several northern men at St. Louis. All of these things created a very brotherly spirit previous to the time the Conclave opened.

On Saturday night, November 21, Georgia Alpha had an informal "get together" in their spacious chapter house and it was enjoyed by all. From that time on throughout the sessions of the Convention, the brothers were brought to realize that they were thoroughly welcomed by the local chapter.

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#### GRAND PRESIDENT GRIFFIN SPEAKS

The sessions of the Conclave were officially opened at 9:30 a. m., November 23 in the convention hall of the Georgian Terrace. Grand President John C. Griffin of New York City made some very impressive opening remarks and we deeply regret that we have not received the minutes that we might be able to publish his opening speech. Brother Griffin spoke of the remarkable progress which Sigma Phi Epsilon has made during the past two years and defined clearly his idea of the plans for the future. He said that our fraternity should be proud of the rapid and successful strides we have made in the past and that it was a pleasure to him as its executive head to mingle with the officers of the larger and longer established fraternities and to find that Sigma Phi Epsilon stood very high in the estimation of all Greek letter men.

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#### BUSINESS SESSION

At the conclusion of the Grand President's speech the business sessions were formally opened. At the date of this writing (December 24th) we are as yet unable to get a copy of the minutes of the business sessions, hence we cannot give in detail any of the business conducted at the Conclave.

On the morning of the 23rd the credentials of all delegates were presented, the minutes read and all Amendments and Resolutions were presented. All Committees were then appointed and the resolutions were shifted to the proper committee for recommendation. The Constitution and Laws Committee consisted of Brothers J. C. Griffin, W. L. Phillips, F. A. Price, ex-officio and Brothers R. E. Coon, New Hampshire Alpha; H. W. Cochran, California Alpha and J. O. Roedel, Ohio Gamma. All committees chosen did prompt work and materially aided the handling of the business to come before the assembly. The afternoon session was postponed until 7 p.

m. and the afternoon was given over to an automobile trip over the city of Atlanta.

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#### CARRIED OVER CITY IN AUTOMOBILE

Monday afternoon Georgia Alpha entertained the visiting brothers with an automobile ride around the outer residential sections of Atlanta followed by a trip through the shops of The Georgia School of Technology. The autos picked up the visitors at the Georgian Terrace and went straight out Peachtree Street and Peachtree Road to the Brookhaven Club passing some of the most beautiful residences in Atlanta and going over ground made famous in the Battle of Atlanta during the War of the Confederacy. On closer inspection old trenches could have been seen.

After leaving the Brookhaven Club the course going out was retraced to pick up one car that had stopped on account of a puncture. Leaving Peachtree Street at 15th Street a course through Ansley Park one of the most fashionable residential sections coming out of it at the Piedmont Driving Club which is on the edge of Piedmont Park the former fair grounds of Atlanta which has been turned into a public park with a large lake with a swimming pavilion and bath houses.

From this the course was laid out Ponce De Leon Avenue past Ponce De Leon Springs the spring supposed to have been found by Juan Ponce De Leon on his search for the spring of eternal youth. Also the base ball park of the Atlanta Baseball Association conceded to be the finest baseball park in the South. Continuing on out Ponce de Leon Avenue Druid Hills was entered, the newest and most aristocratic section of Atlanta. Here were seen some of the most beautiful city homes in the South and finally the Druid Hills Golf Club the most conservative club in Atlanta.

The visitors then returned to the Georgian Terrace and were carried through the shops of Tech which are the best equipped shops in any technical school in the South. This finished the afternoon and most of the brothers made a visit to the chapter house.

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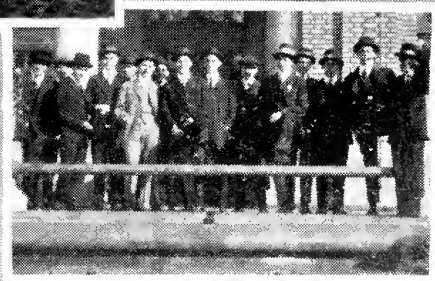
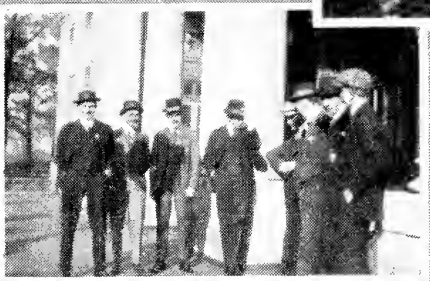
#### FURTHER BUSINESS SESSIONS

The next two days were taken up entirely by the business sessions and much was accomplished. The only additional time taken for recreation being the trip through the shops of the Georgia School of Technology which proved very interesting and instructive to many of the visitors who had never given personal attention to the work of a technical school. Only space prevents a detailed account.

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#### THE BANQUET

The banquet and big dance were the crowning events of the



SOME VIEWS TAKEN AT CONCLAVE, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Conclave. The banquet was given at 6 p. m. on Wednesday, the final day, and a most delightful time was enjoyed. Below we give the menu for the occasion:

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	<i>Blue Points on Half-Shell</i>	
<i>Celery</i>	<i>Olives</i>	<i>Radishes</i>
	<i>Salted Almonds</i>	

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*Broiled Pompano, Mushroom Butter*  
*Potatoes Julienne*

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*Braised Tenderloin Beef and Cepes*  
*Browned Potatoes*

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	<i>Roast Special Fried Chicken</i>	
	<i>Giblet Sauce</i>	
<i>Candied Sweet Potatoes</i>		<i>Asparagus Tips</i>

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*Head Lettuce with Whole Tomatoes*  
*Mayonnaise*

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*Biscuit Tortoni*  
*Angel Food Cake*

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	<i>Roquefort Cheese</i>	
<i>Toasted Bents</i>		<i>Water Crackers</i>

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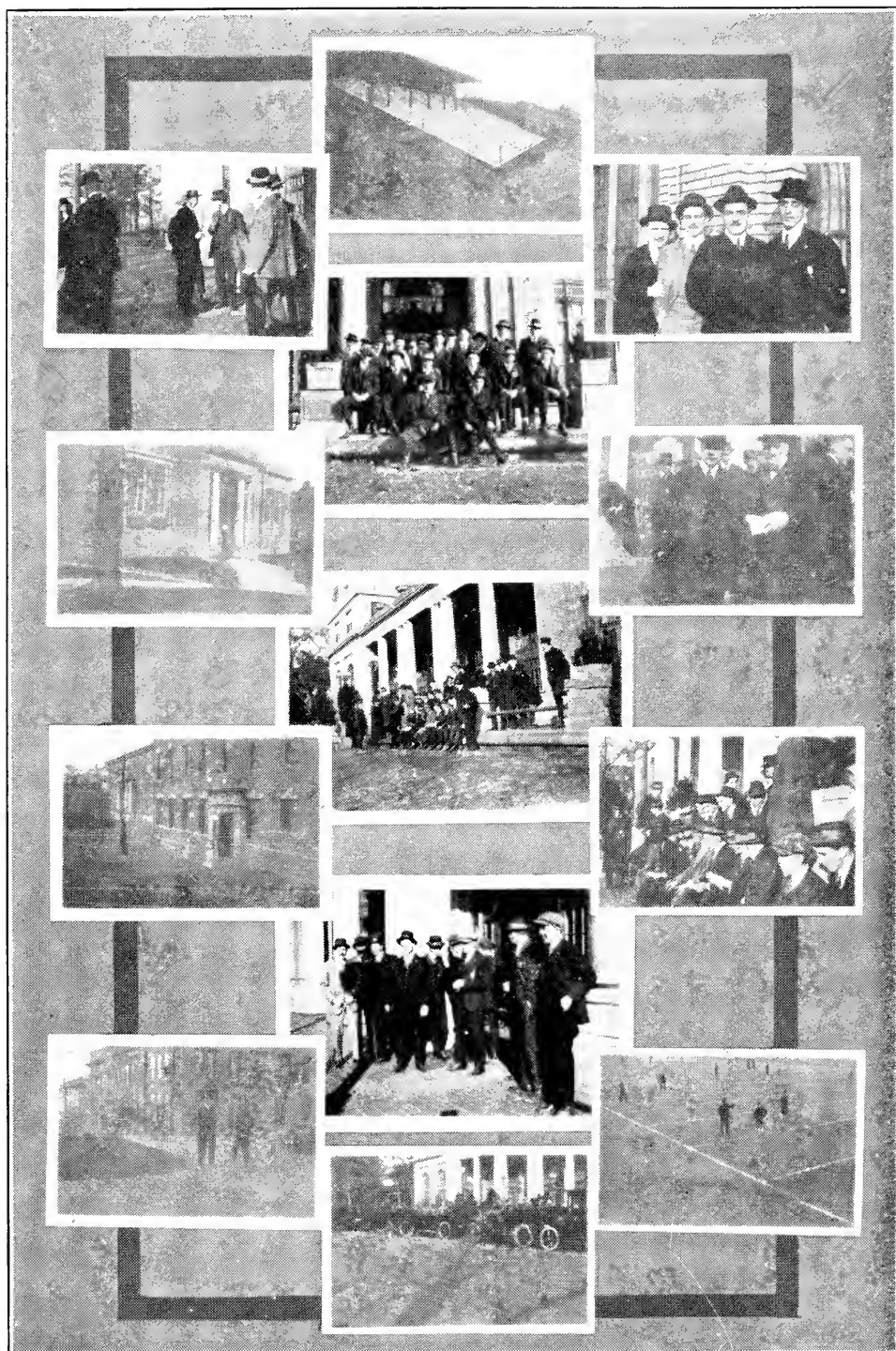
After this fine menu had been given the proper consideration, George M. Hope, Jr., of Georgia Alpha acting as toastmaster, in his jolly good manner presented the following list of toasts:

#### TOASTS

GEORGE M. HOPE, JR.  
Georgia Alpha  
Toastmaster

"Welcome to Dixie".....	E. W. Tomlinson
	Georgia Alpha
"The Outlook".....	J. C. Griffin
	Grand President, New York Alpha
"The West".....	C. P. Cline
	Colorado Alpha





CONCLAVE AND GEORGIA TECHNOLOGY VIEWS

"Our Troubles".....	W. L. Phillips
Grand Secretary, Virginia Alpha	
"Fat Men".....	W. F. Wingett
Grand Treasurer, Delaware Alpha	
"Our Alumni".....	Hon. F. J. Knauss
Colorado Alpha and Denver Alumni	
"The Ladies".....	W. P. Hunnicutt
Virginia Zeta	
"Our Athletes".....	F. Hart
Alabama Alpha	
"News".....	F. A. Price
Journal Editor, Kansas Alpha	
"Our Baby Chapter".....	I. N. Carson
Missouri Alpha	

All toasts were very fine and in addition to the scheduled speeches, several of the active brothers were given the opportunity to bring a word of greeting from their chapter. At ten p. m. the brothers all sojourned to Capital City Club where an elegant dance was given. It was the opinion of all of the visiting brothers that this social function given by Georgia Alpha was one of the finest dances they had ever attended. The hall was tastefully decorated and pretty girls were in abundance. An excellent orchestra furnished mighty fine music and "Home Sweet Home" was played several times before the dancers were ready to adjourn. This function brought the entire Conclave to a close and Georgia Alpha had more than ever crowned themselves with glory for its successful consumation.

#### IMPRESSIONS OF A DELEGATE

This is indeed a hard subject to write upon. Not that it is hard to decide in what direction my impression took—good or bad, for that is very easily decided, but indeed it is difficult to find expressive and impressive words sufficient to tell my ideas of the Conclave, both from the standpoint of business benefits and pleasing experiences.

I came back to Virginia Alpha with a heart full of joys and a mouth full of words, both to impart to my Chapter with the very best and flattering impressions that I could express. It was right then that I found how really hard a task I had undertaken. But at any rate I think I succeeded in making my brothers here understand that I was very pleasingly impressed.

I was wholly taken by pleasant experiences, from the time I left the station here on Saturday night until I was finally compelled to leave Atlanta on Thursday; the most of which I am indebted to the Atlanta Chapter for their cordial and very warm entertainment.

This was my first visit to a Sigma Phi Epsilon Conclave. I had



A FRENCH TEXTILE SCHOOL AND  
LYMAN HALL LABORATORY OF CHEMISTRY

SOME GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY BUILDINGS

read the Journal letters concerning the previous Conclaves also the Minutes of the Detroit Conclave, and also I had heard talk about Conclaves time and again, but I must admit, notwithstanding this, I was entirely *off* as to the way our Conclaves are carried on. Nevertheless I will not mention the ideas I held before.

I have thought of this Conclave, since leaving Atlanta, and I find that it gave me entirely new light on several ideas.

First, the co-ordinating work between the Active and Grand Chapter. Second it gave me the opportunity of meeting a number of our brothers that I would otherwise never have met. And I might add that I met a number of very impressive men.

Third, I came back to Virginia Alpha with a new vim and a new determination for harder work for Virginia Alpha and for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

This Atlanta Conclave was a most enjoyable and beneficial one. It was a Conclave that will be pleasantly remembered by all those who chanced to be there.

And I wish to thank, in behalf of Virginia Alpha, and for myself, our Georgia Brothers for their most enjoyable entertainment and kind hospitality.

Fraternally yours,

J. ARTHUR KENNEDY,

*Virginia Alpha.*

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#### TO MEET IN SYRACUSE IN 1916

The national conclave of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity which has been holding its meetings at the Georgian Terrace for the last three days, and enjoying the various social functions given in honor of the visiting members, brought its sessions to a close Wednesday night with a dance at the Capital City club.

At a business meeting, during Wednesday afternoon, the following officers were elected: J. C. Griffin, of New York, president; Francis J. Knauss, of Denver, Colorado, vice president; W. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Virginia, secretary; W. F. Wingett, of Denver, Colorado, treasurer; E. D. Ivey, of Atlanta, historian; Fred A. Price, of Lawrence, Kansas, guard.

It was decided to hold the next national conclave of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Syracuse, New York, December 28th to 30th, inclusive.

At 6 o'clock Wednesday evening the members of the conclave held a most enjoyable banquet at the Georgian Terrace, which was attended by seventy persons.

The dance which was held at the Capital City club was a most

enjoyable conclusion to the conclave in Atlanta.—*Atlanta Constitution*, November 26th.

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CONCLAVE QUIPS

Brother Wingett: "I desire to explain my vote."

Our moustaches: Levering, Pa. Delta; Kruger, D. C. Alpha; Mayer, N. Y. Beta; and Hunter, D. C. Alpha. They're still growing! See photograph.

Forbes, Va. Eta: "I move we *sojourn* again at five o'clock.

Hunnicutt, Va. Zeta: "He rambled," etc. and didn't he sing it?

Announcement: "The Song Committee will sing at the banquet." Were we there?

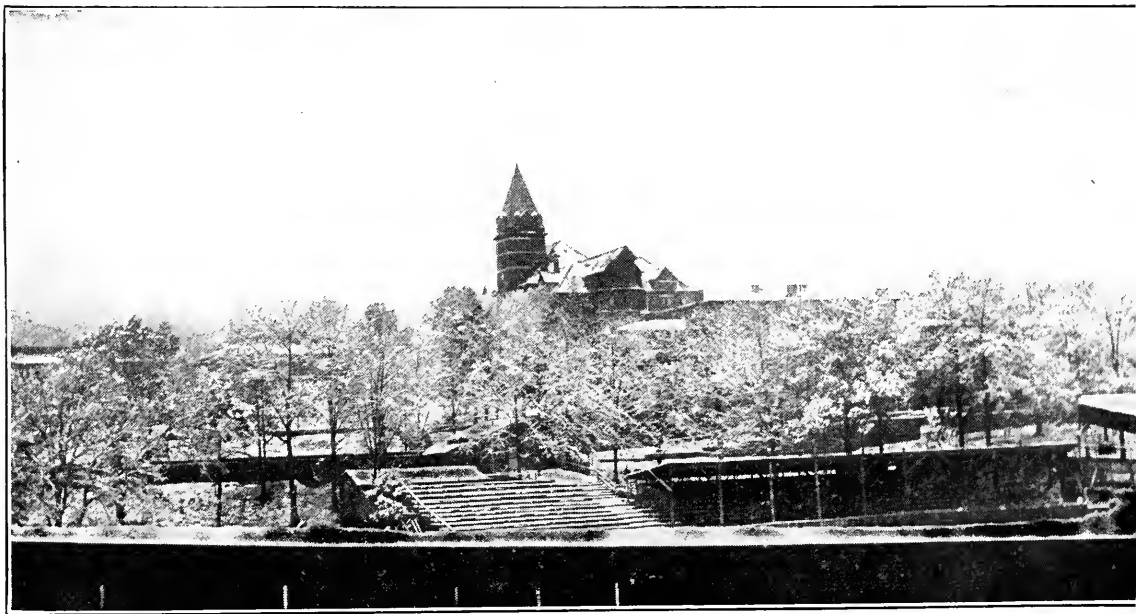
We wonder how Sawtell found the floor at the Ball. Hard or soft?

Wingett: "Honey, how in hell do you spell your name?"

Hunnicutt: "Start with 'H' and write like hell for a few minutes."

Sawtell, Ga. Alpha: "Let's shoot 'em."

Robinson, Colo. Beta: "I am going to *carry* a swell girl to the dance tonight."



AT GEORGIA "TECH."

## GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS.

A few changes were made in the personnel of Grand Chapter officers at the last Conclave. Francis J. Knauss, of Denver, Colorado, a member of Colorado Alpha, was chosen Grand Vice President; Ernest D. Ivey of Atlanta, Georgia, a member of Georgia Alpha, was chosen Grand Historian and Fred A. Price of Lawrence, Kansas, a member of Kansas Alpha was chosen Grand Guard. The other officers were re-elected. Below we give a short sketch accompanied by a photograph of each of the grand officers.

### JOHN C. GRIFFIN, GRAND PRESIDENT

There is no Sigma Epsilon whose career has been more interesting than that of Brother J. Calvin Griffin who has just been unanimously re-elected Grand President. He was born on July 8, 1885, in Martin County, State of North Carolina. His father died when he was ten years old and at the age of twelve, with his mother's consent, he had sent himself through a commercial school in Richmond, Virginia, and at thirteen was stenographer for S. T. Dickinson, Jr. & Company, in Norfolk. At this time he began preparing himself for college by home study and the assistance of a tutor. His study hours were from eight to ten at night and from four to seven in the morning. After following this schedule for three years he was able to enter Richmond College, at the age of sixteen. Here he stood at the head of his classes almost from the beginning notwithstanding he took an active part in almost all college activities. He was also secretary to the president of the College. During his vacations he not only earned enough to see him through the following sessions handsomely but took practical training in that greatest of all schools of hard knocks—canvassing.

In 1904 Brother Griffin entered Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York, from which he graduated in 1908 although he was out for a year during that period. He organized the New York Alpha Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon in 1905 and was elected Grand Treasurer of the Fraternity at the Philadelphia Conclave, a position which he held until the Detroit Conclave in 1912 when he was elected Grand President. In Syracuse, Brother Griffin was assistant in the department of sociology and after leaving the University at Syracuse, Brother Griffin studied law at George Washington University and Fordham University.

Since he left the University, Brother Griffin's success has been continuous and marked. His first position was that of secretary to the Superintendent of the Utica State Hospital, at Utica, New York. He was then successively with the United States Naval Observatory,



JOHN C. GRIFFIN, GRAND PRESIDENT



the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Public Service Commission of New York, First District, Assistant in Charge of the Albany Bureau of the Citizens Union of New York City, Manager of the Voters Legislative Association of the State of New York, and New York Representative of the Legislative Index Publishing Company. He now holds the latter position where he is kept very busy watching legislation for New York clients. Throughout these successive climbs Brother Griffin's only assistance has been his own resourcefulness, self-reliance and stick-to-it-iveness (or determination).

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**FRANCIS J. KNAUSS, GRAND VICE PRESIDENT**

A westerner was chosen to the office of Grand Vice President and Francis J. Knauss of Denver, better known as Senator Knauss is the man. Brother Knauss is a member of Colorado Alpha Chapter. He was elected to the State Senate of Colorado on November 3rd, 1914. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado Law Department in the class of 1905. Since that time he has practiced law in Denver, with offices in the E and C Building. He is President of the Denver Alumni Association of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , and a member of the Law Club of Denver; Vice President of the University of Colorado Alumni Association; Junior Warden of Temple Lodge No. 84 A. F. and A. M., and member El Jebel Shrine of Denver.

Brother Knauss was initiated into  $\Sigma \Phi E$  in March, 1904, and has always taken an active interest in the fraternities' affairs. He is married. He has one child and lives at 1142 Steele street, Denver, Colorado.

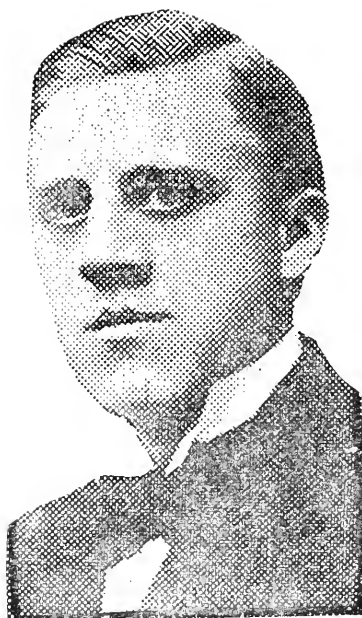
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**WILLIAM L. PHILLIPS, GRAND SECRETARY**

William Lazell Phillips, of Virginia Alpha, is again re-elected Grand Secretary. "Billy" was one of the founders of our Fraternity and was the first Secretary of the Alpha Chapter. At the Conclave in Richmond, Virginia, in 1904, he was elected Editor-in-Chief of the fraternity Journal and was continued in that position for nine years. At the Chicago Conclave in 1908, he was appointed District Deputy and before the meeting adjourned he was elected National Secretary, and he has since occupied that important position. He is the only member of  $\Sigma \Phi E$  who has attended every Conclave and has been present at installations of three-fourths of the chapters.

Brother Phillips conducts the business of the fraternity from an office at 602 Times-Dispatch Building in Richmond, devoting his whole time. He is 41 years of age and a most likable man. He is thoroughly competent and it is fortunate for our fraternity to be able to return the services of such a strong man. From the date of our founding to the present time, he has given his heart and soul, un-





FRANCIS J. KNAUSS,  
Grand Vice President



WILLIAM L. PHILLIPS, GRAND SECRETARY

selfishly and unreservedly to the work of his office. Our fraternity can congratulate itself on having such a man for its leading officer.

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**WILLIAM FLOYD WINGETT, GRAND TREASURER**

Brother W. Floyd Wingett, who has been re-elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, is a Charter member of the Delaware Alpha Chapter. He first became a member of the Grand Chapter at Richmond, Virginia, in 1907, being elected to the office of Grand Guard. He was re-elected to that office in 1908 at Chicago, and again at Washington in 1910. At the Conclave in Detroit, in 1912, he was chosen to fill the office which he now holds. Brother Wingett resides in Denver, and is a member of the Denver Alumni Association of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He takes quite an active part in the affairs of the Colorado Chapter, and for the past three years has been Acting District Deputy for Colorado and vicinity. Brother Wingett has been a member of the Fraternity almost from its infancy, and has always been active in furthering the best interests of the organization. Closely associated with Brothers Phillips and Griffin, he has always loyally stood behind the sound doctrines which have placed Sigma Phi Epsilon in the front ranks of the Greek Letter world.

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**ERNEST D. IVEY, GRAND HISTORIAN**

Ernest Daniel Ivey is a native of Florida but at an early age came to Georgia where he has since made his home. His early education was secured in Branford, Florida. Later he entered the Boston (Ga.) High School from which institution he graduated in 1904. In the fall of 1905 he entered the Georgia School of Technology. The first few years of study were devoted to the prerequisites of Mechanical Engineering but when the Architectural Department was installed he was among the first students to take up that line of work. He was the 12th man initiated at Georgia Alpha and came into  $\Sigma \Phi E$  on October 26th, 1907. While in college he held many offices in his fraternity. It was in the spring of 1911 that he left college and after two years he returned to Georgia Alpha and has since lived in the house and although an inactive member he takes as much interest in  $\Sigma \Phi E$  as of old. He has always been one of Georgia Alpha's strongest and most active members and it can be truthfully said that much of the proud success of Georgia Alpha is due to his ever-thoughtfulness and hard work. When the conclave was given to Atlanta he was chosen to manage the entertaining and the success of that undertaking can be vouched for by all the delegates who came to Atlanta. While in college he was active in the various college activities and made several of the Editorial Staffs. Since leaving college he has followed his chosen profession of Architecture and is now located in



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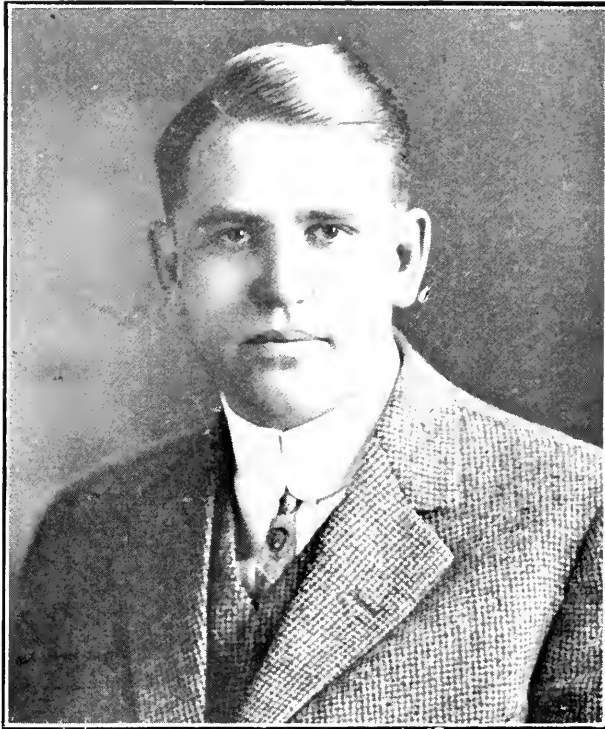
the Empire Building in Atlanta. In his new position as Grand-Historian he promises to give the same enthusiastic work for the Fraternity as a whole as he has always done for Georgia Alpha.

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FRED A. PRICE, GRAND GUARD

Fred Allen Price of Kansas Alpha is the newly elected Grand Guard. He has always been very enthusiastic in the affairs of Sigma Phi Epsilon both in his local chapter and in the fraternity at large. He is one of the strongest alumni of Kansas Alpha and since 1911

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has been on the staff of the fraternity Journal, serving first as Alumni Editor. In 1912 he became Editor-in-Chief, which position he has since held. The fraternity Journal has been greatly improved under his management.

He graduated from Baker University in 1909 and is now engaged in newspaper work on the Lawrence Daily Journal-World at Lawrence, Kansas.



## EXCHANGES



✦ J. R. CURL, *Department Editor* ✦

One of the most important pieces of legislation enacted by our recent Conclave was the scheme for the organization of our alumni. Once a member—always a member, is the law of the fraternity system. Membership involve duties and responsibilities. The method is now provided, or shortly will be when the Executive Committee puts into effect the instructions of the Conclave, and the alumni cannot evade the call to service. Three clippings given below enlighten us upon what is expected of the alumni of a Greek-letter college fraternity. The first is from the pen of Mr. Frank L. Albertson in *The Delta of Σ N*:

We have all heard of the sweet young thing who tucked her hard-earned diploma away in her trunk and sighed fervently, "There! thank goodness; I won't ever have to think again." And the sequel, of course, was that she sat down and thought hard for two hours whether to cut her new skirt on the bias or go canoeing.

There are a lot of sweet young things running around loose, and some of them are fraternity men. How many of the active brothers are active merely because of a good looking chapter house and a little campus prestige? How many of them, when these incentives are no longer present, let business or professional interest swamp their interest in Sigma Nu, and how many a little odd mileage obscure the importance of the things that Sigma Nu stands for? The transition from an active to an alumni member puts fraternity problems in a new focus. A good many of us forget after a little while that any such problem exists, and that isn't odd, for the fraternity or us. We tuck our Fraternity away in the trunk and worry about the rent and the size of the meat bill. This may help the landlord and the butcher, but it doesn't help Sigma Nu.

A fraternity is, in a sense, its alumni. Its active members constitute only a part of its membership and are always outnumbered. The majority of the public, not being college men, judge a fraternity on the basis of experience with individual fraternity men—and the majority of these must in the nature of things be alumni. The standing of a fraternity in the eyes of the public are indifferent and give no thought to their fraternity?

It is time to recognize that fraternity membership is not only a privilege, but a call to service. After all, the comradeship of the campus lasts only a little while—the fellowship of the fat-and-lean job lasts all the way to the crepe on the door. What sort of men are we on our own legs and what sort of a fraternity are we going to make? Every year adds to our num-

bers and every year imposes on the men with vision added responsibility and presents added opportunity.

Sigma Nu's problems are not alone the problems of the active chapters, but of the alumni as well. The difficulty of maintaining the interest of the alumni is the difficulty of making this fact real to the individual alumnus. The desk is piled with briefs, letters, blue prints; the campus seems very far away. It is, but Sigma Nu isn't. In a sense, Sigma Nu is there in every paper, for the Fraternity gains or loses as its members meet the work of the hour with courage, faith and honesty, or shirk it in weakness, doubt and self-deception, but behind those papers and behind the work is the obligation membership implies—the obligation to serve. A lot of us shirk it and a lot of us shut our eyes to it, but it is there just the same. We did not enlist for three months or three years, but for the war. The standing of our Fraternity before the eyes of the world is largely up to us; our active aid is needed to enable the active chapters to compete with rival fraternities in rushing; our financial aid is needed to put the active chapters on a footing equal to that of other fraternity chapters whose alumni render aid; our fellowship is not to be despised by the graduate who is facing the world for the first time on his own pocket-book.

And this is not an individual duty, but the duty of all acting together. Therefore there must be meetings, dinners, conventions, whatever you will that will furnish occasion to give the grip and talk over old times and new times and any other old kind of times that happen to get in edgewise. \* \* \* \* The big point is to get together, talk Fraternity, find out what's worrying the boys back on the campus and then pretend we know more about it than they do. It's our Fraternity as much as theirs, you know; it really may do us good to get our minds off the rent and the meat bill. Let's quit tucking our Fraternity in the trunk.

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The second is by Mr. George H. Hyslop in *The Caduceus* of K Σ and is entitled, "A Word to Alumni:"

College fraternities in the future will not be as they are now. The secret work may remain unaltered, but as a body and individually changes will come. The Greek-letter societies will continue to help and co-operate with each other in accomplishing common aims. Individual chapters will devote more and more energy to internal development. In securing proper internal development and in seeking worth-while aims and purposes, I believe our problem lies.

The actual work and much of the planning will have to be carried out by the active chapters. They meet their situations at first-hand, and the active members have to share and pay the expenses. The active members live together and are engaged in the life of their colleges. They choose their associates in accordance with certain standards, each chapter differing because of varying local conditions.

A strong chapter must have one policy, for which it stands

pre-eminently, and strong men to carry out this policy. A healthy chapter must have a full quota of members, regular in attendance at college and imbued with the aims of their chapter. Transient students may pay their dues and enable the chapter to exist, but they do not give a chapter standing on the campus, nor do they make efficient alumni. A chapter composed of men in college for the whole course of four years will have a unity due to the long association of its members with each other. They, after leaving college, will find their ties to their fraternity stronger because they appreciate what its problems and difficulties really are.

If fraternities are a good thing they will survive criticism. The evils will go and the new fraternity will be broader in its functions. The alumnus has a perspective and can help his chapter conquer difficulties. The alumni as a body are as responsible for their fraternity's aims as the active members are. The change and growth must be guided by the alumni because of their broader knowledge and experience.

Here we must consider the duty of an alumnus. In time the policy and personnel of a chapter change. New men have new ideas and college life grows. The alumnus is tempted to protest at the new order, and naturally. He tends to be conservative, partly due to his experience. Besides, he may not understand the new situations his old chapter is facing. The alumnus feels that the new regime is leading the chapter to destruction.

Is this position the rational one? The alumni and the active chapter are too often at odds for their differences to be disregarded. The fault may lie on one side or the other, or both. Frequently the differences are due to misunderstanding. As the older men and wiser, the alumni should realize that the active chapter for most of its development must depend on itself and be responsible to itself alone. An alumnus may have discretion and valuable suggestions. Let him suggest—not rise up in indignation and threaten his displeasure. Younger men and boys do not take kindly to violent criticism and will often neglect it although it is true. But they will appreciate an alumnus who remembers how he felt when an active member and who is encouraging and constructive in his advice.

But advice is not enough. Let the alumnus, if at all possible, visit his chapter every year. To visit will keep his spirit young; it will keep him alive to and in touch with changing conditions. There is also the influence upon the active members. They are made to realize that one's fraternity need not be forgotten as soon as the diploma is granted, and that there are benefits beyond college life. They also make friendships with other men who have the same bonds of interest and who once fought the same fights. Do not fraternities stand for such ideals?

Every alumnus knows what benefit his fraternity life was to him, what it did to develop his character. The same possibilities of benefit lie in the chapters now. If the fraternity is

a valuable opportunity for college men, it is a matter of duty for the alumnus to support it. Loyalty should call him, too. If alumni should make allowances for changes in customs and for the new problems and the difference in viewpoint of the active members, much present friction would be avoided. A better spirit of co-operation would result, and the fraternity as a whole would be the stronger.

The third appeared in *The Signet* of  $\Phi \Sigma \kappa$  under the title, "Alumni Visits:"

How frequently do we alumni visiting our chapters experience the lack of a certain kind of welcome and entertainment which we believe is due us? We fell out of the center of things. The Chapter shows different tendencies than "in our day." We do not seem to be able to manifest interest in the concerns seemingly so vital to the undergraduates, and we are frequently so embarrassed as to be put to silence because of our helpless ignorance. The first impulse suggests a steering of ourselves into some inconspicuous position, and nurse our more or less sensitive and injured feelings. Sometimes we are so foolish as to bless the old days, and come to the conclusion that as they have passed so have we with them.

This is a dangerous attitude of mind and we should all give thought and attention to its extermination. Why should we expect to be entertained by the boys on our return? This Chapter is our home, and it was ours before ever they came into possession, and we are simply returning to our own. Does a father require entertainment when he comes into his own home? Rather it is our position, our duty and our opportunity to do the honors of our house to those who have known it a shorter time than we. If we do not understand the conversation of the current interests it demonstrates that ours is the fault, not the boys. We must keep in touch with the activities of the undergraduate, keep up to date, and this sense of being laid on the shelf as a fossil cannot be for us. Instead of withdrawing let alumni come forward and present as forcibly as possible the best ideals and traditions of their day. The young men are keen to recognize what is true and of value and to adapt it to the present situation. Therefore we appeal to every alumnus of the Fraternity. Keep yourself in touch with your Chapter, know what it is and what it does, go back to it and get acquainted as frequently as possible, and above all remember to instill in the present active generation those great principles of manly living which were vital to you not only in your day at college but have been so ever since. In this way your return will be filled with pleasure and with enthusiasm both you and the boys will look forward to successive visits.

We hear a great deal these days about efficiency. Thoroughness is the biggest part of efficiency. The following editorial from *The Record* of  $\Sigma A E$  fully covers our thoughts on this question and



we give it to our readers with the hope that it will inspire greater efforts toward efficiency:

It is not wise to let one's thoughts as to what is past be so much part of the present as to make one unhappy or discouraged. If one constantly looks backward or too much in the future, it is impossible to make the most of the present. Life is an eternal now, and it is well to learn that we should live in the present. Yet, many of us, after being out of college, look back at the wasted or neglected opportunities. Many times we have heard college men express regrets that they did not apply themselves more vigorously while in college and cultivate the habit of doing things right. Thoroughness is an all important trait to acquire. Do things well or not at all. Slipshod methods of studying, of working, do not acquire that which is lasting—no more than laziness and indifference make the athlete. Thorough, intense application is what counts. Work when there is work to do, and play when there is time to play. If your college life gives you this one quality of doing things thoroughly and promptly, you will have the one thing needful to solve and and all problems which will confront you. It is so easy to follow the line of least resistance—to do things indifferently well—and the rewards of such activity are commensurate with the efforts put forth. A genius is one who loves work and strives to bring out perfection in whatever he does. So if you would be successful, develop that mental stimulus of a genuine desire to work and to do it thoroughly and promptly.

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Every Sigma Phi Epsilon knows that friendship is one of our ideals, but friendships should not be confined to our membership. The whole world is our field, and the brotherhood of man our goal. *The Angelos* of K  $\Delta$  has the following to say, along this line, of "The Importance of Making Friends:"

In a previous issue of *The Angelos* we urged upon you the necessity for making friends among your faculty. Now that there are many new college students among our ranks, we would bring before them, and equally so before the older students, too, the important part the making of friends should play in your college career. The primary purpose of your presence in that institution is to gain an education it is true, but it is likewise true that if you pass through your college days seeing only the books before you, you will miss experience in that greatest of all studies—human nature. **Real** friends are an asset that it takes many a liability to offset. The friendships of college days are singularly lasting, too. There is such a broad field from which to select that you can satisfy your every mood almost. The thought that you can turn to someone who understands and appreciates your joys or sorrows is worth more than one can say, and when you have left your college days far behind it will be to memories of those friends that you will turn to lighten a weary mind and **not** to what you might, perchance,

have gained from your books. But **remember!** Include in that list of friends your faculty who, after all, are mere men and women with the same powers of loving and understanding that your younger associates have, and possibly greater, and that their guidance and influence will no doubt prove far more helpful in life's race than the wisdom that they expound.

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Every college fraternity is now striving by every means within its power to encourage scholarship among its members. Every active member can, if he will, be a good scholar. Mr. Charles W. Hill in a paper on "The Business of Going to College," in *The Phi Gamma Delta*, gives some splendid advice, and we take from his paper the following excerpts:

Let us suppose that after graduation from high school, you had decided to go into business instead of going to college. In that event, you would have expected to start work in your chosen line in a subordinate position and at a low salary because of your youth and inexperience. Placed in such a position, you would expect to report for work at a certain hour and to do your work as well as you could. You would study your work in all its details, you would find the best way of doing your work. You would observe the methods used by those older and more experienced than yourself, and you would try to make improvements of one kind or another.

You would do all of these things for two reasons. In the first place, you would realize the importance of knowing the details of the business and you would try to build a firm foundation for your future career. You would realize that you could not be a successful superior if you did not fully understand the work of subordinates. Secondly, you would realize that your chances for advancement come from giving satisfaction in the work assigned to you, and that in doing this work you must give evidence of ability and disposition to handle work of greater importance.

But instead of this, you have elected to spend four or more years in college in preparation for professional or other work. If you are a student of average perception, you know that four years at college will not give you a position at the top of the ladder; but that they must be followed by other years of hard knocks and experience. It is well that you should know this; but if you are the average college man you are prone to place the wrong emphasis on this.

You are quite likely to say that after all college life is a sort of preliminary training, a process of acquiring ability to mix with men and that book knowledge will soon be forgotten and really is not worth striving for. You think those years of experience after college are the ones that count, and you say to yourself "when that time comes, I shall buckle down; but now I can take things easy."

A college man should take his college work as seriously as

he would take his first years in business. He should made a business of going to college. He should learn how to study and how to take recreation. What chance, in a meet, would a five-mile runner have, who duirng the training season ran only a half mile at an easy gait, who skipped a day or two now and then and who ran a time trial full distance on the day before the meet? What would you think of a football team that had nothing but signal practice a few days a week and then a two hour scrimmage on the day before the game? Sounds foolish. doesn't it; but isn't that the way many men do their college work? Day after day of poorly prepared lessons, cuts up to the limit, and then a strenuous "cram" just before examination—isn't this just as foolish? Furthermore it reveals a misconception of the purpose of college. The real idea of college is not that of passing examination, getting credits and diploma; but it is mental training.

How many students really make study and college life a business for four years? How many get real training out of it?

\* \* \* \* \* Do you plan your work carefully? Do you plan the distribution of your time among your various activities? Do you know the best time of day in which to study your mathematics? Do you devote enough time to your different studies? Have you learned the art of concentration or do you take twice as long to get a lesson as you should? and probably get it half as well as you should? Do you crowd all of your study into a few hours at the end of the day? Do you study your hard lesson first or put it off until the last, when you are most fatigued? Do you find yourself looking up the same word in the dictionary twice in a few minutes? Do you study when you are mentally or physically tired, because you failed to plan your work? How many hours do you waste? How many hours do you loaf or play when you should be at study or vice versa? Do you allow yourself to rest somewhat between the preparation of your various lessons?

Learn to take your college work as you would a business, learn to study most efficiently. The great difference as to a rule between a good student and a poor one lies in the fact that a good student does a little study every day and does it well while a poor student studies intermittently and inefficiently. Plan the distribution of your time and keep a record of it. Apply business methods to your college work and you will not only do better work in college but you will be preparing yourself admirably for the business of life.

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Dr. Kenyon L. Butterfield, President of Massachusetts Agricultural College, at the cornerstone laying of the Alpha Chapter House of  $\Phi \Sigma K$ , spoke on the opportunity that lies before the college fraternity, and we copy below a part of his address as reported in *The Signet* of  $\Phi \Sigma K$ :

But the thought that is with me to-day, most of all, is the opportunity that lies before the fraternity. And I think of three

great items of service that rise before any fraternity and that I want to call to the attention of this fraternity on this occasion.

The first opportunity is to assist in developing a higher scholarship. I hesitate to use the word "scholarship" because it is, I believe, so thoroughly misinterpreted by the average undergraduate. He thinks of the scholar as a bespectacled recluse poring over dry volumes of detail fact. He is the grind. True scholarship, however, is a vital thing. It cannot be ignored in college, if the college is to live. Indeed it must be exalted to the highest place. The fraternity may help to give to the men a proper definition of scholarship; to work with college authorities to bring the class work up to a higher level; and to seek to make the student ambitious, not for marks but for efficiency in the main work of the college. For the work of the class room is the best tool which the college has so far been able to develop for the making of efficient men.

Another great field that lies before the fraternity to-day is in the moral realm. I do not have in mind at this moment those grosser immoralities that have sometimes been charged against fraternities, so much as the thought that the fraternity must ever stand for the truth, for honor, for the clean life on the part of the college student. It cannot afford for its own sake to do anything else. It must do more than teach, it must see that its members practice, the higher moralities.

And finally—and perhaps this is the greatest opportunity of all,—the fraternity may teach the spirit of service. I cannot think of the fraternity as a monastery where the spirit of brotherhood is cribbed, cabined, and confined. I think of the fraternity rather as a school, a brotherhood where fraternally minded men are gradually evolved out of men more or less self-centered. And so I like to believe that the man thus trained, this product of the fraternity life and spirit, will, while in college, be willing to give his utmost for the sake of his fellow students and the college itself; and that when he gets out into the world the teachings and practice, and environment of the fraternity will go with him to such a degree that he becomes a true citizen, a true worker, a man who seeks not primarily the reward of self-interest but who seeks rather to perform the highest service which he can render his kind.

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## COLLEGIATE.

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The dental department of the University of Pennsylvania during the Christmas holidays will be moved to a new building at Fortieth and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, and dedication ceremonies will take place February 22d. The old dental building will be turned over to the architectural department and Towne scientific school.

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It has recently been announced at the University of Chicago that the name of the athletic field of the University has been changed

to "Stagg Field" in honor of Professor Amos Alonzo Stagg, director of the department of physical culture and athletics. Director Stagg has been for twenty-two years—ever since the founding of the University—in charge of the teams on the athletic field, which was formerly known as "Marshall Feld."

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"Cleveland is making a study of the municipal university problem. The committee appointed to investigate the matter, has planned to include in its report a study of the question of amalgamating Western Reserve University, Case School of Applied Science and the Cleveland School of Art."—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

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"The effort to effect a merger of the Medical College of Virginia with the medical department of the University of Virginia, involving the moving of the latter to Richmond, was defeated by the action of the board of visitors of the University. The effort being made at the same time and more recently to secure the establishment of a coordinate college for women at the University of Virginia was defeated by the legislature, which declined to make an appropriation for the purpose."—*The Phi Beta Pi Quarterly*.

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"Germany's twenty-one universities now enroll the record number of 60,943 students—a total almost exactly double that of twenty years ago. It includes 4,117 female students. About 55,000 students are German subjects and 5,000 foreigners. The most popular departments are philosophy, medicine, and law. The University of Berlin heads the list with a total of 8,538 students, Munich has 6,626, Leipsic 5,359, Bonn 4,524, Freiburg 3,178, Halle 2,855, Göttingen 2,834, Heidelberg 2,668, and Jena 2,007."—*The Scroll of Φ Δ Θ*.

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"In a glee club meet between Harvard, Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, and Cornell, held last spring in New York, Harvard was declared the winner."—*The Record of Σ A E*.

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"The Normal College of the City of New York is no more! By the vote of the student body an appeal was made to the Governor and Legislature of the State to change the name which was so misleading. The appeal was granted, the students being given the choice of continuing as a college for women, exclusively, or combining with the Men's College of the City of New York. They chose the former and the college was named Hunter College, in honor of Dr. Thomas Hunter, President Emeritus of the institution. This change will do away with the confusion that constantly arose over the title "Nor-

mal" College, which led one to believe that it was *only* a normal college. Such was not the case, however, the courses for teachers forming a very minor part of the curriculum. Long life to the new Hunter College!"—*The Angelos* of K Δ.

"With the object of going to Oxford University as new contingent of American students every year, the Rhodes trustees have announced a change in the method of electing scholars. Instead of, as hereto, choosing from the 48 states in two consecutive years and skipping the third year the scholars in future will be shosen yearly from two-thirds of the states.

"The sixteen states to be omitted at the 1916 examinations are Arizona, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Louisiana, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming. From these states scholars will be selected in 1917, when another 16 states will be omitted."—*The Scroll* of Φ Δ Θ.

"The original seal of King's College, now Columbia University, out of sight since 1788, has been recovered. It was presented to the governors of King's College in 1726."—*The Record* of Σ A E.

"The Bureau of Student Employment of the University of Chicago reports that during the year ending July 1, 1914, it enabled 1,023 students to earn \$152,172.68, a net increase of \$42,000 over the amount earned by students during the preceding year. Of the students assisted 886 were men and 137 were women.

"The average amount by each student was \$147.77. Tutors and governesses secured the most profitable employment, 45 men and 23 women having earned \$13,206.45, at an average hourly rate of \$1.26. A number of students acted as models for commercial artists and at fashion shows, and in this way earned \$1,121.50, at an average rate of \$1.20 an hour. Aside from vacation work the students earned more by serving as waiters than in any other capacity. Eighty-nine men and two women earned \$24,544.25, an average of \$269.71 each, at an hourly average rate of 40 cents. During the summer months 128 students were employed in positions secured for them through this Bureau. A number of them worked in Chicago retail stores, while others were employed by railroad companies in compiling statistics on the amount of traffic in various states. Fifty-eight graduate students secured permanent positions, the average initial salary being \$71.19 a month. The one hundred and thirty-seven women students who secured positions were employed for the most part as companions and at housework.

"During the past year the Bureau has made an effort to secure

more remunerative positions for students, and its success is shown by the fact that the average rate per hour of all the positions was 45 cents as compared with the average hourly rate of 38 cents for the preceding year."—*The University of Chicago News Letter*.

"The University of Richmond has moved its site from the city to the west suburbs where it has new buildings and a campus of 150 acres. For fifteen years the college has been co-educational, but it will now receive men only. Westhampton College the new woman's college, will be co-ordinate with Richmond University."—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

## HELLENIC.

### EXPANSION

- A X P Allegheny College.  
 B Θ Π University of Idaho, Colorado College, Kansas State College.  
 K Σ Massachusetts Institute of Technology.  
 Λ X A Dartmouth College.  
 Φ K Ψ University of Washington, University of Colorado.  
 Σ X University of Alabama, Brown University.  
 Σ N University of Nevada.  
 A X Ω University of Kansas.  
 A Γ Δ Illinois Wesleyan University.  
 A Φ University of Washington.  
 Δ Γ Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri; Purdue.  
 K Δ Millsaps College.  
 Φ M Iowa Wesleyan College.  
 Σ I X Hardin College.  
 Δ T Δ University of Kansas, University of Pittsburg.  
 Θ T Columbia University.  
 Φ K A University of Washington, University of Kansas.

### CONVENTIONS

- A X P New York City, February 20, 21, and 22, 1915.  
 A T Ω Nashville, Tennessee, December 30 and 31, 1914, and January 1 and 2, 1915.  
 Φ Δ Θ Birmingham, Alabama, December 28, 1914, to January 2, 1915.  
 Σ A E Chicago, Illinois, December 21, 22 and 23, 1914.

- Σ X      Leland Stanford Junior University, California, August 5, 6, and 7, 1915.
- Θ X      Troy, New York, April 9 and 10, 1915.

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The New York Alumni Chapter of Σ N conducts an employment bureau, without charge and open to all members of the fraternity. The bureau does not recommend or vouch for any man. It merely endeavors to place before the members of the fraternity an opportunity to secure employment and to meet others in his own line of work. References, applications, etc., are open to prospective employers and applicants must stand on their own feet.

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The Grand Arch Council of Φ Κ Ψ at Cleveland last June declared its purpose to prohibit the initiation of any members of so-called secondary school fraternities into any of the chapters of Φ Κ Ψ at any time subsequent to September 1, 1918.

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"More than nine million dollars is the value of the chapter houses of the Greek-letter fraternities in the colleges and universities of the United States. This huge amount of property is distributed among thirty-one of the thirty-six American college fraternities, having a total of 1,141 chapters. The number of houses owned is 513; their average value is \$18,070."—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

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"A dispatch from Madison which appeared in the Chicago papers and many Wisconsin papers on May 18 says that another bill to abolish fraternities will be introduced in the legislature next winter and the measure is expected to have more support than it had two years ago, as there has been a campaign in certain parts of the state since the defeat of the Anderson bill for legislation similar in character."—*The Scroll* of Φ Δ Θ.

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"A member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity, who recently died, bequeathed \$5,000 to the Schenectady Chapter where he was initiated. It is a splendid testimonial of one's appreciation and love for one's fraternity to so remember it."—*The Record* of Σ A E.



# ALUMNI DEPARTMENT

J. H. BOWEN, *Department Editor*

## ATLANTA CONCLAVE

One of our greatest disappointments was our inability to attend the Conclave at Atlanta. Nothing except urgent business could have kept us from attending. We were there in spirit, however, and sincerely trust that much good was accomplished for Sigma Phi Epsilon, and that the accustomed good fellowship was always present. We'll be there next time!

## INDIFFERENT ALUMNI

The men at college, too often, have the idea that many of the alumni are no longer interested in the college chapter, or in the Fraternity at large. This impression, however apparent it may seem, does not, in our opinion, represent the true state of things as they really exist. In most cases the indifference of which the men in college complain as belonging to that group of the membership, known as alumni, may really be attributed to the active members themselves. As an illustration, let us ask a few questions:

How many letters have been written to the alumni this season by the active chapters? How many of these letters merely asked the alumni to contribute five dollars, or more, for the benefit of the active chapter? How many of these letters told only of the difficulties being experienced in maintaining the chapter as it should be? How many purely social letters have been written, telling of the good being accomplished by the chapter and wishing for the success of the alumnus in his business, or urging him to pay the chapter a visit? How many chapters notify their alumni when they are giving functions at the college and request their attendance? Does each alumnus receive a letter of good cheer from his chapter each session?

We should like for the chapters to read carefully and seriously all the foregoing questions. It is our impression, based upon years of observation and experience, that the members in college do not do their part in holding the alumni's interest in his college chapter.

It is suggested that each chapter divide its roll of alumni among the active men in college, and insist that each alumnus receive a letter from the chapter during the present session. Do not make this letter a personal one. It should not be from the member writing the letter alone, but from the whole chapter, telling the work as well as the play of the chapter. Literary excellence should not be attempted in this

letter. We suggest, rather, a plain letter which tells the whole truth, and nothing more, about the chapter and its members.

It may be argued that the chapter letter does these things. The chapter letter must be more, or less, formal. Such a personal letter, as suggested above, is not confined to the conventional in style, or subject matter. By writing a letter to each alumnus each year you get a personal touch with the alumni that otherwise is an impossibility. The busy alumnus may not visit the chapter, or acknowledge your letter. The members of the chapter may feel they have accomplished nothing. Yet, brother active members, do not go back on the alumni, for they are your greatest asset when once aroused. "Rome was not built in a day." Keep everlastingly after your alumni in order to secure their active interest and your persistent efforts must ultimately be rewarded.

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#### ALUMNI MATERIAL

This department urgently requests that the chapter historians and the alumni organizations send to this department more news relating to the alumni and what they are doing. Try to find out about the fellows, who left college five or ten years ago. With your help this department could be made the most fruitful; without you we can do little. Letters from the alumni themselves are always welcomed and solicited. Drop us a line! It will do you good! We can't work without it!!

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#### NO LONGER A YOUNG FRATERNITY

Just a few years ago, our Fraternity could very properly have been characterized as a young fraternity, but we have grown to such an extent, both in area and efficiency, that we must now begin to tighten the cords that bind us together for fear we drift too far apart. Back in the days of 1905, when the writer's initiation made general number 527, the same questions we have to face to-day did not arise. Growth means new complications and new situations that must be faced. We hope the Conclave of 1915 did not adjourn until it has made its policies sufficiently comprehensive and its organization broad enough to meet the ever changing needs of a growing organization.

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#### THE PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI

Philadelphia has always had a reputation for being slow. Living up to that reputation we have taken all these years to start an alumni chapter of the fraternity. But it is started now, and what we have lacked in speed we hope to make up in results.

The chapter is to be a general alumni, for all members of the

fraternity from any chapter, and it is hoped that this letter will bring us the names of the  $\Sigma \Phi E$  men in or near Philadelphia who are at present unknown to us. Our meetings will be held several times a year, and with the exception of one business meeting, will be purely social.

Any brothers interested in this particular chapter should communicate with Brother Chas. H. Boyd, Secretary, 4607 Springfield Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

#### PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

"Pie" Schwert will continue his baseball career with the New York Americans next spring. He is with us for the winter in the employ of the University Christian Association. "Shorty" Sayre has signed up with the Cincinnati Nationals.

Frank Watson has accepted the professorship of Economics at Haverford College. We are fortunate in having him so close at hand.

Dr. Frank Specks has returned safely after a descent upon the Indians of Newfoundland. Dr. Specks is now delivering a series of lectures on "Snakes" with live specimens, and believe we they are some live specimens.

Carleton B. Hutchings is principal of the Holland Patent High School, Holland Patent, New York.

Upon the recommendation of the Faculty of the Harvard Law School, Brother George J. Thompson has been honored with the appointment of Professor of English Law in the Imperial Pei-Yang University, Tientsin, China.

On Thanksgiving evening, Brother Thompson was married to Miss Ruth Warren Barnes of Waverly, Massachusetts, at the home of the bride. On December 5th they sailed on the Pacific Mail "S. S. China" for the Orient. They will be gone for three years. All success and happiness to you both, George.

Marshall M. Vance sailed this month for Java. He is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and intends to be gone three years.

Raymond Eggleston of Baltimore, Maryland, has recently paid us a visit. We are always glad to see "Eggie" but regret to learn that his wife is ill in the Presbyterian Hospital. We all hope for Mrs. Eggleston's speedy recovery.

"Lex" Chiquoine is making good with the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Walter Levering and Ed. Longaker are both serving as internes at the Episcopal Hospital, Philadelphia. Brother Levering, our representative to the National Conclave at Atlanta, sure did bring back

lots of good news and suggestions, and a report of a sweet time, thanks to everybody.

B. L. Solomon, of Milwaukee, has just become the proud father of a son, and a future  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , we hope.

Three Pennsylvania  $\Delta$ , namely, "Ray" Eggleston, "Bob" Diemer and "Charlie" Mitchell deserve a lot of credit for their part in organizing the Baltimore Alumni Association of  $\Sigma \Phi E$ .

Last spring Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Clausen announced the engagement of their daughter Mary, to Thomas I. Rankin. Tom is now with the Abram Cox Stone Co.

We were delighted to have Brother "Mike" Shirey spend Thanksgiving with us.

#### PITTSBURG ALUMNI

On October 17th, 1914, thirteen Sigma Phi Epsilon men met at a dinner at Pittsburgh and organized an alumni association. The officers elected at this meeting are as follows:

Mr. R. B. Harvey, President. Address: Gray Apartment, Wilksburg, Pa. 'Phone No. 500 Braddock.

Mr. F. S. Robbins, Vice-President. 'Phone 3600 Grant.

Mr. T. S. Watts, Secretary. Address: 1420 Elm Street, Wilksburg, Pa. 'Phone 500 Braddock.

Mr. R. W. Cargo, Treasurer. Address: 913 Rebecca Ave., Wilksburg, Pa.

It is the idea of this organization to meet about once a month and have dinner together about 6:00 or 7:00 p. m. It is also our desire for any of our men passing through Pittsburgh to stop off and get in communication with any one of the officers and make a sojourn in this city with us. As the time of the convention is near at hand, we thought there might be delegates passing through the city, and if there are any on their return from the convention can spare the time and stop off, we should certainly appreciate it, as we are very anxious to learn what takes place at the conclave.

We would also like you to pay us a visit in Pittsburgh in the near future and meet with us. If you can do this, I should be glad to be so advised so that we can give the members due notification. Any way you can assist us in giving us the location of men in this vicinity, it will be appreciated. I understand a new directory is about to be issued and if this is the case, I wish you would send me one promptly and I will remit for the cost of same.

Yours fraternally,

F. S. ROBBINS,

*Asst. Master Mechanic.*

## OHIO ALPHA

Cupid has been busy in our alumni ranks. Brother Byron Moorhead took the plunge early in November.

Brother Walter D. Niswander is teaching in High School at Bluffton, Ohio.

Brother Glen R. Butler has charge of his father's Pharmacy establishment at Lima, Ohio.

Brother F. H. Park is teaching school and is in charge of Athletics at Strasburg High School, Strasburg, Ohio.

## VERMONT ALPHA

F. S. Hoff, '14, of Millis, Massachusetts, who is traveling for the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. spent a few days with us recently.

E. W. Magnus, '12, manager of the Waterbury Talc Co., at Waterbury, Vermont, has been with us several times this year for short visits.

F. C. Dunham, '14, spent a few days at Thanksgiving time with his fraternity brothers here.

W. H. Munsell, '14, teacher at Springfield, (Vt.) High School, was at the house for a couple of days at Thanksgiving time.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA

James Blackwell, '10, has left the Fresno Abstract Company to enter the Law School of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. He plans to put in two years there and get an L.L. B. He took one year of law in his undergraduate days at California.

Ulysses S. Attix, '12, is now in the employ of the state of Oregon. He is located at Salem, Oregon, where he is doing work for the Highway Commission.

Robert Sorenson, '09, who played on two California football teams came back to see the annual game on the newly turfed field. "Sorry" says that the grass does not look as hard as the bare ground did in the olden days. He is at present located on his ranch in Fresno county.

Lewis Switzer, ex-'14, is now the senior member of the firm of Switzer and Spahr, Insurance brokers at Los Angeles. Switzer rambled a long way from home before settling as he came to California Alpha from Hastings, New York.

Creston Jensen, ex-'11, president of the Alumni Association, is still with Wm. Reid, Jr., architect in San Francisco. He is probably more closely in touch with the active chapter than any other alumnus from the chapter.

Brother Waldo Schmidt, '11, who affiliated from George

Washington University chapter, took unto himself a wife in November. He is in the government biological research service and will make his home in Washington, D. C., until transferred.

George McKinney, '11, passed away in Alaska last summer. During his college days, McKinney took work in the engineering school. He was in Alaska on business at the time of his death.

Donald Bennett, '13, who was injured in Berkeley last February has been removed from the hospital to his home in Oleander. Contrary to first expectations, he will not lose the use of either leg.

Harry Cochran, '14, is taking graduate work at the University. He represented California at the conclave.

#### WASHINGTON ALPHA

Rex D. Gardner is with Rogers & Bogers Real Estate in Spokane, Washington.

Forrest Garrett is ranching near Endicott, Washington.

Dr. Tom Elliott is practicing at Colton, Wash.

B. O. Bendixen is the Assistant County Engineer Jefferson county, located at Port Townsend, Washington. Ben is contemplating matrimony.

Wm. Hoppe is with the Joyners Drug Co., Spokane, Washington. Bill was married last week to Miss Gladys Yingst.

Irwin Howe is with the Hillyard State Bank at Spokane, Wash. Irv was married to Miss Ulley, September 16, 1914.

Fred Stone is mining in Wallace, Idaho.

Bill Ness is running a ranch at Port Columbia, Douglas county, Washington.

Adolph Bloom is with the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., Tacoma, Washington.

Howard Chase and Ralph Wilkinson are with the Colfax Iron Works. Howard was married last month and Ralph will be the 16th of October. Goe Scott is with the same firm. All located at Colfa, Washington.

L. A. Woods is with the Johnson Mercantile Co., Garfield, Washington. Less owns a dandy little fruit ranch near Garfield, Washington.

Ralph (Speed) Holgerson and Sherrie Marr are traveling for the Autifi Co. of California.

#### NEBRASKA ALPHA

"'12, Eva McFarland has announced her engagement to George Carter, Σ Φ Ε, of Nebraska."—*The Anchora of Δ Γ*.

The first mowing machine that came to Kansas will soon be on

exhibition if the plans of F. A. Wirt of the department of farm mechanics at the agricultural college, work out. Mr. Wirt has located the sickle bar of this machine reposing in a junk heap near Milford. He is looking for the rest of the machine and hopes to assemble the different parts.—Coffeyville (Kans.) Journal, Oct. 26, 1914. Brother Wirt is an alumnus of Nebraska Alpha.

Paul and Kiffin Rockwell, Virginia Epsilon, have enlisted in an American Legion to join the Allied forces.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Thomas A. Bath announces the marriage of his daughter, Minnie E. to Mr. R. Earl Cady, Nebraska Alpha, Thursday evening, October 29th, 1914, Riverside, California. At home after November 15th, 532 University Avenue, San Diego, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Schussler announce the marriage of their daughter Mabel Daisy to Mr. Charles Edward Paxson, Pennsylvania Delta, Wednesday, September 16th, 1914. At home Northport, Long Island, New York.

Bess Martin and Earl Douglas, Kansas Alpha, were married October 4th, 1914, and are at home at Aztec, New Mexico.

Mr. Charles Dayton Sillick has the honor of announcing to  $\Sigma \Phi E$  the marriage of his daughter Alice to Mr. Ioktan Lafayette Hemphill on Saturday, November 14th, 1914., Ridgewood, New Jersey.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Fisher announce the marriage of their daughter Margaret Poe to Mr. Aubin B. Wright, Virginia Alpha, on Monday, August 17th, 1914, Emmerton, Virginia.

Mrs. Avis B. Barnes of Waverley, Massachusetts, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Ruth Warren Barnes, to George Jarvis Thompson of this city. Miss Barnes is a graduate of Simmons College, Boston, class of '11. Mr. Thompson was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, class of '09, and the Harvard Law School in 1912. No date has been set for the wedding.—New York Times. Brother Thompson is an alumnus of Pennsylvania Delta, '09.

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#### D. C. ALPHA

"On July 1, Jennie Moyer, '08, and William C. Van Vleck, '08,  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , were married. Mr. Van Vleck is the Secretary of the Law School, and a member of the law faculty."—*Sigma Kappa Triangle*.

# The Alumni News

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Of SIGMA PHI EPSILON

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WE DO NOT OWE A PENNY—  
OR OWN ONE.

## GENERAL NEWS

An epidemic of marriage seems to have passed through the Chapter during the summer and no relief is yet in sight. Brother Van Vleck led Miss Moyer—both graduates of George Washington—to the altar early in the summer; Brother Earl Brown and Miss Waters, of Iowa joined hands in the holy bonds of matrimony, also early in the summer; Brother Osbon and Miss Kerby took their place in the procession; Brother Paul and Miss Zellers, of Washington, D. C., went forth and did likewise; and Brother Lacy Moore induced Mrs. Page, of High Point, N. C., to make his happiness in the world complete. Blessings on thee, brave souls, one and all!

Brother Plummer was much het up over the disturbances abroad and refused to remain any longer among such people. He has left the legation at Madrid and is now in Virginia.

Brother F. R. Jeffrey having passed through the various stages of office boy, stenographer, clerk and assistant is now a partner with Mr. H. B. Moulton at Kennewick, Washington, in the practice of law.

Brother Barbour claimed it should be "Go southwest young man and grow up with your country." As a result he is following his own advice and is located with Brother Rogers at Conway Ark.

Brother Barton has the deep sympathy of the Chapter in the death of his father, at Wadesville, Indiana. Brother Barton will probably start out in law in Indiana.

Long live the Reavis family and may its tribe increase and prosper. Brother Joe Reavis has a boy!

Clarence Wilson was once more in our midst during the summer months to inspect the scenes of his early struggles and first successes.

Brother Baer was caught in Germany at the time of the late unpleasantness, but owing to the necessity of issuing the "News" on time, declined the invitation of the Kaiser to inspect the manouvers in France.

The University enrollment is about 1500 to date, the largest in years. The law school has its best showing since 1905. Prof. Everett Fraser has been appointed Dean to succeed Dean Gregory, resigned.

Brother Bowen, of Colorado, Beta now resides in Washington and is living at the Chapter house. He is with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Brother Ware, of North Carolina, Gamma (Trinity) has been a visitor of the local Chapter several days.

Brother Caminero, of Havana, Cuba, has been with us a week. He hails from the Washington and Lee Chapter.

## ABOUT CAPTAIN MULLER

The following article was taken from the San Diego (Cal.) Union of Friday, October 9th. Capt. Muller is a  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , belonging to Vermont Alpha chapter and graduated in 1908, being at graduation one of the highest officers in the class. "Pinky," that being his non-de-plume in college, obtained his commission in the army in rather an unusual manner. He was one inch under the



regulation height, and being balked there, he went to President Roosevelt and stated his case and from his hands received his commission in the army.

Brother Muller, in achieving this great feat in the aerial world, has added another to the fast growing list of high honors obtained by Σ Φ E men and he is one whom Vermont Alpha and the fraternity at large are proud to call brother. The article follows:

Captain H. LeR. Muller of the First Aero corps, United States army, broke the American altitude record yesterday afternoon when he ascended to a height of 17,441 feet. The American altitude record was formerly held by De Lloyd Thompson of St. Louis, who ascended 15,137 feet, or a few hundred feet more than the height attained by Silas Christofferson in his flight over Mt. Whitney.

Captain Arthur S. Cowan, head of the First Aero corps, represented the Aero Club of America and when Captain Roy C. Kirtland had read the barograph on Captain Muller's aeroplane, after the descent, he officially announced that the latter had shattered the record made by Thompson.

Captain Muller had the world's altitude record, that of 24,600 feet, made by a German aviator at the Johannisthal aerodome, in his grasp, but was foiled through the fact that the barograph failed to register after reaching the 17,441-foot mark. The intrepid birdman still had an hour's fuel left in the tanks when he saw that the needle on the barograph failed to record. He then reluctantly glided to earth.

Piloting Curtiss speed scout No. 30, equipped with a 90-horse power Curtiss O. X. motor, Captain Muller ascended from the North Island aerodrome at 11:45 a. m. He shot into the air at terrific speed, but he began slowly circling, but keeping the machine pointed up-ward at all times.

At 1 o'clock he had reached an altitude of 12,000 feet and for minutes at a time he could be plainly seen by the watching thousands, gliding in and out of the fleecy clouds that hung above the bay and city at that dizzy height. For the next hour, owing to the rarified air, the aviator did not make as rapid progress skyward as that attained during the first hour of his epochial flight, but he broke Christofferson's American altitude record before 1:20 o'clock and Thompson's a few minutes later.

With the powerful 90-horse motor working with wonderfulness and with plenty of gas in the tanks Captain Muller leaned back comfortably in the speed scout and kept the air craft pointed upward determined to break not only the American, but the world's

altitude record while he was at it. But for the unfortunate mistake in leaving the aerodrome with a barograph that recorded only a little more than 17,000 feet the army birdman unquestionably would have succeeded in wresting from the German aero corps the most sought after honor in the world of aerinautics.

According to the wrist watch worn by Captain Muller it was exactly 2:05 o'clock when he reached a height of 17,441 feet. After glancing at the barograph he then headed the biplane earthward, coasting to the hangars in twenty-five minutes from a height which took him two hours and five minutes to reach. Stepping from the tractor the birdman modestly received the congratulations of Captain Cowan and the officers of the First Aero corps on his record breaking performance.

Mrs. Muller, a bride of a few weeks, watched her husband break the American altitude record from the Coronado shore. As soon as the birdman doffed his helmet, reported to his commanding officer and posed for a photograph, he sped to Coronado to inform his charming wife of his success.

Captain Muller's record breaking flight yesterday was crowned with success only after months of tireless effort. During the last three months he has made a number of flights in an effort to break Christofferson's and Thompson's records, but engine trouble and other faults developed. He is regarded as one of the foremost fliers in America, Glenn Martin paying him the remarkable tribute one morning by saying that he believed Captain Muller to be one of the most scientific pilots in the United States and on a par with the best in Europe.

Lieutenant Taliaferro in T-3, the Martin training ship, ascended 12,774 feet, Wednesday afternoon, remaining in the air two hours and twenty minutes and volplaning to the ground at sunset.

To the thousands who watched Captain Muller's flight, his aeroplane looked like a tiny star, the rays of the sun shining on the wings adding to their mystification as the "star" shot in and out of the fleecy clouds. At the Union office hundreds of telephone calls were received inquiries as to what the tiny speck in the heavens could be.

Captain Muller was little fatigued after his great flight. His face was covered with oil and grease, flung back by the rapidly whirling propeller in front, but otherwise the birdman showed no effects of the 3-mile journey into the clouds.

## DUNKLEE TO COLORADO LEGISLATURE.

Edward V. Dunklee of Colorado Alpha, has recently been elected to the Legislature of Colorado. On November 3rd the Democrats of his district said that he was the proper man to go to the state legislature.

Brother Dunklee is a graduate of the University of Colorado in both the Arts and Law courses and while in school at Boulder was

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**EDWARD V. DUNKLEE,**  
Colorado Alpha  
Recently Elected Representative to  
Colorado Legislature

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very prominent in inter-collegiate debate. At the present time he is engaged with his father in the practice of law in Denver, having offices in the E and C Building.

He represented Colorado in inter-collegiate debate against Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas and never lost a debate. He is making a success in the practice of law in Denver.

# CHAPTER LETTERS

*(The Journal is issued on October 20th, December 25th, March 1st and May 1st. Your chapter letter should be in the hands of the Editor twenty days before each date of publication. No notice other than this will be given. Have your letter type-written and use but one side of the paper. The next letter will be due February 8th.—The Editor).*

## VIRGINIA ALPHA

### RICHMOND COLLEGE

Meets each Monday evening in Chapter rooms, Richmond, Virginia

After three months of earnest participation in every phase of college life, Virginia Alpha wishes to remind all her sister chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon of her many thoughts and fond fellowship.

Virginia Alpha has indeed had very good success this new college year. Though our chapter is small, yet in proportion to our college, we, the seven old Brothers of last year, have tried, and with some success, to reach out and grasp every opportunity that will, in any way aid us and also Sigma Phi Epsilon. We have tried to take up the three lines of work that stand well for any good Fraternity, namely—College work, athletics, and social standing.

When our pledging season came up later in November we pledged five of the leading new men on the campus. Abiding by an old rule at Richmond College, we cannot initiate these men until after Christmas, when their college grades will have to be reckoned with.

Virginia Alpha is very glad to be able to tell her brothers that Brother J. H. Privott has made left end on the "All Eastern" Football team this year. Brother Privott has shown remarkable work on the gridiron this season and we are very proud of his success.

Virginia Alpha wishes you all a very happy Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,  
VIRGINIA ALPHA.

J. Arthur Kennedy,  
Chapter Historian.

## WEST VIRGINIA BETA

### WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at Chapter House, 509 Front Street, Morgantown, West Virginia

With the football season over, and everybody waiting for the Christmas holidays, things are rather quiet around the University.

But this lull in activities gives us a grand opportunity to sit back and review the achievements of the past two months and at the same time to get a little "dope" on the future.

Of the men on the football squad, we need scarcely speak. Any account of the games played this fall will very clearly reveal the sterling worth of Neidermeyer at end, Henrie at tackle, Brooks at guard, and Kearns at half. To say that we are proud of them does not begin to express our true feelings. On December 2nd a banquet was held in honor of the 'Varsity squad, and the enthusiastic greeting extended to the five of our men whose work was such a great factor in making the season a success, showed very clearly their position in the hearts of the student body as a whole. On Thanksgiving Day our old warrior Leslie Brooks played his final game, and it was with deep regret that we saw him don his battered old uniform for the last time. We could not but think, as he held his end of the line against the fierce rushes of the opposing team, that with his determination and spirit he was sure of battering his way to success on the vast gridiron of life. With a view to the spectacular, the work of Neidermeyer is most conspicuous. He started in as a substitute end on the second string, with apparently a very poor show of even holding that. However, he was soon given a permanent berth there and was next elected captain of the seconds. He improved wonderfully, and made such a fine showing that about the middle of the season he was tried out in a 'Varsity game with such good results that the "scrubs" lost their captain, and "Neidy" was given a steady job.

On Friday night, October 16th, we gave a smoker at the house with several members of the faculty and some of our alumni present. It was a night of good cheer and fellowship, and many of us were surprised to find that the impregnably serious attitudes which we generally associate with the title of "professor" was nothing more than a fancy, for none at our little affair manifested more boyish enthusiasm and genuine delight than they.

At the Thanksgiving Day game we had the pleasure of shaking hands with some of our old men, and they were all just as natural as ever. "Pluto" Schenk, Arnold, Claude Tietrick, "Fats" Wyatt, "Judge" Kern, "Kirk" Amos, Blake Taylor, Bob Armstrong and a few more were there, rooting for their alma mater just as they did in the good old days.

Kaltenbach, Kearns and Neidermeyer have been honored by being taken into Theta Nu Epsilon on December 3rd.

Looking forward to the coming basket ball season, everything must of necessity be mere speculation, for this is to be the first 'Varsity team we have had in many years, but nevertheless, Sigma Phi

Epsilon will be well represented. Among those out for the team are Dorse, Kersting, Whelan, Kearns, Stoops, and Dexter, and the showing these men have made so far seems to indicate that someone will have to "go some" to beat any of them out.

Big Blake Taylor is back with us again for a few weeks, not as a student this time, but as a lecturer in the Good Roads School.

We cannot as yet introduce any new brothers, as the inter-fraternity rule prevents us from initiating until after the first semester; our next letter, however, will contain the names of some mighty fine new men.

In closing, we beg to tender our thanks and admiration for the cordial reception and hospitality extended to Brother Hamilton by the Georgia Alpha Chapter at the Conclave. To all our sister chapters we extend the heartiest Christmas greetings.

Faternally,

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

*John Dexter,*

*Chapter Historian.*

## COLORADO ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Meets every Monday evening at 7:30 at Chapter House, 1135 11th Street, Boulder, Colorado

In this, the Christmas issue of *The Journal*, Colorado Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large, these new brothers at the U. of C.:

Edward D. White, '15, Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Philip B. Short, '17, Denver, Colorado.

James C. DeLongchamps, '18, Cripple Creek, Colorado.

R. Dyer Thomas, '18, Boulder, Colorado.

Charles Dailey, Jr., '18, Aspen, Colorado.

Earl V. Minor, '18, Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Wilbur W. Adams, '18, Boulder, Colorado.

Victor K. Adams, '18, Boulder, Colorado.

Gustav L. Davidson, '18, Mancelona, Michigan.

Roderick J. McDonald, '18, Leadville, Colorado.

Frank M. Crotts, '18, Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Walter W. Jenkins, '18, Central City, Colorado.

Dean L. Lawrence, '18, Rocky Ford, Colorado.

William J. Boehm, '18, Denver, Colorado.

Initiation was held on the evening of October 24 and 25, Brother Wingett, our Grand Treasurer and Brother Miller of Colorado Beta assisting. At the conclusion of the initiation the annual ban-

quet was held at the Boulderado Hotel. Brother Wingett being toastmaster.

Football season closed with the Thanksgiving game, U. of C. finishing second in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Brother "Pete" Nelson as captain of the 'Varsity led his gridiron warriors to victory in every game but one.

The inter-fraternity basketball season is now drawing to a close with the Sig Phi Eps tied for first place with A T  $\Omega$ . However Brother Dunklee, our captain, informs us that his team is working like a Pierce Arrow, and that the deciding game ought to bring the bacon home to the Sig Phi House.

Sigma Phi Epsilon has not been backward socially. On the evening of October 16, we gave our annual Pledge Dance. The hall was decorated with jack-o'-lanterns and fall leaves. The letters  $\Sigma \Phi E$ , spelled out in red and yellow leaves interlaced on screens covering the windows.

Sunday dinners at the Chapter House have, for the second year, become sorority functions. By turns we invite five or six of the fair sex to dine with us, and in this way our "bunch" is introduced to the representatives of the different sororities, and we become better acquainted. After dinner the orchestra entertains, and a pleasant afternoon is spent.

Our annual Christmas Tree Dance is to be given December 18, the Friday before the holidays and we count on it being the "opener" of a jolly vacation.

Brother Cline our delegate to the Conclave reported an enjoyable time, and was well pleased with the business carried on in the meetings and the entertainment furnished. Congratulations to you, Georgia Alpha!

In conclusion, Colorado Alpha wishes all her sister chapters a Merry Christmas and a Happy and a Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

COLORADO ALPHA.

*C. B. Rader,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## PENNSYLVANIA DELTA

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at the Chapter House, 3745 Spruce Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Though rushing season here does not begin until after mid-year, we are preparing diligently for the great event. No rushing of any kind is allowed, but despite this ruling, there are about

forty men of fraternity calibre known to our men. We will rush these men strenuously when the time comes.

Last year we lost so many men by graduation that the house seems a little deserted, only 24 men appearing on the chapter roll at present. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity:

*Initiated* (Date out.....)

Ronald Patton Wildes, Wharton, '18, Melrose Highlands, Mass.

Willard Moulton Sistare, Wharton, '17, Springfield, Mass.

Pat, an affiliate from Vermont Alpha is one of the crack shots on the rifle team. Bill is a soloist on our glee club this year. All the older brothers are continuing with their active work around college. Brother Art Littleton was elected president of the Junior class. He is also assistant manager of the wrestling team and sings on the glee club. He was a member of the Pennsylvania crew which defeated Navy and Princeton. Illness lost him a place on the Pough-Keepsie crew. He also holds membership in Phi Kappa Beta, a junior society.

Two of the brothers held places on the crew which rowed so well at the Intercollegiate Regatta. Brother Addison Foster was coxswain and Brother W. R. Littleton pulled number seven. Brother Al Odgers also rowed on the Junior Varsity.

Brother Odgers is deep in student activities, being a member of the Freshman Regulations Committee, president of the Wharton Association and a member of Friars, the senior honor society. Brother W. R. Littleton also holds membership in this society. We are well represented on the Punch and Bowl staff and have several men on the wrestling squad. Soccer and swimming also occupy the attention of several brothers. Brother Jim Mitchell is senior representative on the Wharton executive committee.

Alumni have organized the Philadelphia Alumni Association, which is the result of a movement started at our tenth anniversary banquet. The constitution, and by-laws were drawn-up, approved, and passed at a recent meeting in the chapter house. All brothers knowing men in or near Philadelphia are requested to notify the chapter.

The brothers have enjoyed teas after each of the football games. Ladies were much in evidence after all the big games. The night before the Cornell game the brothers and their ladies occupied three boxes at the concert of the Pennsylvania musical clubs, at the Bellevue Stratford. Previous to the football game a Thanksgiving dinner was served at the house. Among the visiting brothers present



were, Messrs. Cooper, Mehaffey, Lawson, Caldwell, Hoffman, and Baldwin from New York Beta.

Many other brothers and occasionally a sister, whom space does not permit us to mention, have dropped in at different times. We take this opportunity to remind all brothers that we keep an open house and want every brother to drop in on us.

Faternally,

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

*Creston Sutch,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA DELTA

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COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

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Meets every Friday at 11 p. m. at Chapter House, Williamsburg, Virginia

Just before the last letter was sent, the writer had to pay for a telegram which was supposed to act as a gentle reminder. However gentle it may be considered, he does not wish to be reminded in that way again, and will hereafter endeavor to get the letter off on time.

After college was a few weeks in progress, we were glad to have Brother Games back with us again. He graduated in the class of '13, and decided to come back for his M. A. this year. Besides what he has already done for us in football, we are expecting him to hold his regular position on the Varsity baseball nine.

Football season has just come to a close at W. & M. Though it has not been as successful as it could have been, we all take off our hats in thanking the team for its earnest efforts. Virginia Delta was well represented on the team by Brothers Addington and Games. Brother Addington at end and half played a consistent game the entire season. Brother Games had a late start, but with a week's practice, became the real star in the first game he played. Later he was forced to retire for the season on account of injuries.

We consider that by far the greatest social function at W. & M. since college opened was an Informal Hop which took place at our Chapter House on the evening of November 14th. In spite of the gloom cast by football defeat that day, and cloudy weather, it proved to be an occasion of much merriment to all who attended. The whole lower floor was thrown open to the guests. The rooms were attractively decorated with colors of the Fraternity, and an abundance of cut flowers and ferns added to the decorative effect. The guests at this dance were the fair damsels of the city, representatives from other Fraternity Chapters, non-fraternity representatives, our

pledges, and prospective material. Among our out of town Alumni that attended were Brothers Wilson and Pitt.

In a few days our Basketball season will be starting, and the writer predicts a successful season for W. & M. Besides having our entire last year's quintet with us again, we also have men who made good on other College and Prep. school teams last year. W. & M. has always been strong in this branch of athletics, and this season will be no exception to the past ones.

One of our most pleasant surprises this season was a visit by Brother Phillips, Grand Secretary; Brothers Woodward and Louthan of Virginia Alpha, and Brother Bristow of Virginia Delta and Alpha. The party motored down from Richmond in our Grand Secretary's car, and spent the evening and night with us. The evening was spent in discussing topics for the good of the Fraternity, including subjects to be brought up at the Conclave. They gave us many good suggestions, which were gladly taken to heart. We assure these Brothers that their visit was enjoyed by us, and we hope to receive another visit from them in the near future.

We were very sorry to lose Brother Ham for the remainder of the season. He remained at College only a few weeks, having to return home on account of his health. We hope that he may be so improved that he can join us again at the beginning of the second term in February.

Since our last letter to *The Journal*, we have found another brother to share with us the mysteries and pleasures of Fraternity life. We take this opportunity of introducing him to the Fraternity at large:

*Initiated, . . . . . , 1914.*

Alf Johnson Mapp, A. B., '18, Belle Haven, Virginia.

Brother Mapp, though not an athlete, is a student of great ability. Scholarship is one of the factors in which Virginia Delta stands among the first at W. & M., and we are looking for him to help us maintain and even raise our present high standard.

We also have a line upon many other new men. Four are pledged to be initiated after Christmas, and one Preparatory pledge for next year. This makes our pledges for next year number three. There is still much material, and each Brother is ever on the lookout for men.

We are glad to acknowledge visits from many of our brothers since college opened. Among those are Brothers Pitt, H. Blackwell, Wilson, B. Blackwell, Cooper, O'Neill of last year, now with Virginia Eta, and Walton of last year. We hope these brothers will find it possible to visit us again soon. We welcome all.

This is the last *Journal* before the Christmas holidays, and Vir-

ginia Delta wishes to extend to each Sigma Phi Epsilon, both alumni and active, her best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,  
VIRGINIA DELTA.

*E. Ralph James,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NORTH CAROLINA BETA

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NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

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Meets every Sunday at 2 p. m. in Chapter Rooms, 1911 Dorm., West Raleigh,  
North Carolina

We have all enjoyed a pleasant Thanksgiving and every one is preparing for examinations which start in about two weeks. We are sorry to say that we lost one of our brothers last month as Brother G. G. Hendricks decided to withdraw from college and go in business with his father in Greensboro, North Carolina. Brother Pinner has returned from the Atlanta Conclave and says he had the best time of his life.

Brother Winston was a star on the varsity football team this year. Brother Artz did not play in but two games, one was the Norfolk Blue game and the other was the Thanksgiving game at Norfolk because of a sore knee. He was a star in both games and it is reported that he will get his monogram.

We tried to get the pledging rules changed from February 1st to December 1st but at a meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Council this motion was killed.

Class football starts this week the first game being between the Juniors and Sophomores. We have two brothers on the class teams, Brother Holmes plays fullback for the Juniors and Brother Morrison plays fullback for the Sophomores. Brother Morrison is also captain of the sophomore team.

In closing we hope that all our Brothers have a most enjoyable Christmas and that Santa Claus will be as good to them as he was to us last year.

Fraternally,  
NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

*B. D. Hodges,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## OHIO ALPHA

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### OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday evening, 10:00 p. m., in Chapter House, 517 South Gilbert Street, Ada, Ohio

Since the last publication of *The Journal*, Ohio Alpha has succeeded in overcoming the difficulties that confronted it at the first of the year. Much credit needs to be given to those members who struggled hard and faithfully for the worthy cause. Their efforts have been rewarded, for now Ohio Alpha is enjoying the most flourishing period in its history. We have added four more members to our number and now introduce them to the fraternity at large, as men on whom Sigma Phi Epsilon can depend.

*Initiated October 5th, 1914:*

Thomas William Greenland, Jr., Ph. G., '15, Lima, Ohio.

*Initiated October 19th, 1914:*

Carleton Miller Fraser, E. E., '17, Johnstown, N. Y.

Gerald Nixon Grove, M. E., '17, Coldwater, Michigan.

Charles Holmes Groesbeck, C. E., '17, Dalton, Mass.

Our football season, just closed, was successful. With only three men of last year's varsity as a nucleus, Brother "Bugs" Raymond succeeded in placing a wonderful team on the gridiron. Brother Fyke starred at full-back while Pledge Newkirk was the "find" of the season at tackle. Brother Grove as substitute quarterback with this year's experience should make good next season and Brothers Bane, Davis and Pledge Dawson have bright prospects.

On the Reserves we had Pledges Honsinger and Rothermund and as this is their first attempt at college football they should come to the front next fall.

As individuals the members of our Chapter have not been inactive. Brover Starry has been elected Vice President of the newly organized athletic fraternity—all members of which are wearers of the "N." Brother Gardner, who returned this term, has been appointed an assistant in Rural Engineering. Pledge "Curly" Walters, who was cheer leader last year, was recently elected basketball manager.

Several of the brothers are out for Basketball and we hope to be represented on the team.

Socially we are trying to better our record. On November 7th we entertained at an informal dinner and in conjunction celebrated Northern's victory over the Indiana Aggies. We are getting ready for another function.

Ohio Alpha has harnessed the enthusiasm brought back from

the Conclave by her chapter delegates, Brother Wilbur, who made his report at a recent meeting. "Shorty," as we call him, has brought back to us a vivid description of the great gathering. Every brother who had the good fortune to be there received more of the goodly teachings of the fraternity, than could be obtained in any other form of chapter communication.

We were glad to welcome back to our midst Brother Urich.

During the past term we enjoyed the company and good fellowship of Alumni Brothers Boesger, Taylor, Werle and Niswander. We also had the pleasure of greeting Brother DeVoe of Indiana Alpha.

We extend a sincere invitation to any brother who comes into our vicinity, and, in closing, wish all brothers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

OHIO ALPHA.

*Edward H. Thevenet,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## INDIANA ALPHA

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PURDUE UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday, 7:00 p. m., at Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street, West Lafayette, Indiana

Athletics have been the order of the day for the first three months but with the conclusion of the football season and the running of the Conference Cross Country Run there will be a period of rest before the basketball schedule is begun.

The big game of the season was played the twenty-first, with Indiana, and the brothers took advantage of the fact to give a party to the alumni and a rushing party for next year's freshmen. Brothers McKee, Glazebrook, and Woods and Brothers Friedman and Lewis, the latter two be accompanied by Mrs. Friedman and Mrs. Lewis, were in for the game and a visit to the chapter house. Several prospective men were also invited for the week end and two of these were pledged.

The results of the game were 23 to 13 in favor of Purdue but Indiana Alpha regrets that Brother Applegate was unable to play because of injuries sustained earlier in the season. Brother LaPorte, captain of the cross country squad ran a pretty race for our varsity and was able to place the old gold and black in eighth place.

With the conclusion of the training season the attention of Indiana Alpha has been distracted more or less by social activities. The

annual Thanksgiving house party was given from the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week until the following Saturday. Several dances were given and an additional feature was the banquet at the Chapter house, Thanksgiving evening. Many out of town guests were invited and the function was a most decided success.

The call for wrestling and track has been issued and Brothers DePew, Longenecker, and Ziegler have responded, with fair prospects, especially for brother Ziegler who is to work for the first time with the varsity wrestling squad.

Most of the brothers are at present pretty well occupied with scholastic duties and with anticipations of the Christmas recess which is to begin the twenty-first of the month. Indiana Alpha extends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them a pleasant holiday vacation.

Fraternally,

INDIANA ALPHA.

*J. R. Cavanagh,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

## NEW YORK ALPHA

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Meets every Friday at 7:30 p. m. at Chapter House, 310 Walnut Place Syracuse, New York

After a strenuous rushing season and the excitement which is always attendant during the football season, New York Alpha again greets her sister chapters.

We wish to introduce the following brothers, initiated October 24th, 1914 (year and course not given):

Lawrence P. Kent, Barnstable, Mass.

Charles H. Merriam, Westminster, Mass.

Ernest M. Blanchard, Linwood, Mass.

Erwin G. Ross, Washington, D. C.

Joseph A. Guard, Norwich, N. Y.

George P. Geiger, Nordmont, Pa.

Clarence J. Rammling, Washington, D. C.

Winfred Perry, Fulton, N. Y.

Leland B. Henry, Buffalo, N. Y.

Howard W. Lester, Buffalo, N. Y.

George A. Scobell, Cape Vincent, N. Y.

Henry J. Forman, East Northfield, Mass.

Our new brothers have already shown themselves to be active in the affairs of the University, and are proving themselves true Sigma

Phi Epsilons in every way. Brother Leland B. Henry was the only freshman chosen for the Varsity debate team, which will debate Yale, December 14th. In addition to this he is president of the freshmen debate club and a reporter on the staff of *The Daily Orange*.

Brother L. P. Kent is a member of the chorus of the comic opera, "Green All Over," which is to be produced by the University Musical Society, Tambourine and Bones. In addition to this he is a member of the freshman executive committee.

Brother Douglass has certainly proven himself active this fall. Although he entered college three weeks late, he was elected to the assistant editorship of *The Daily Orange*, being the first junior to achieve that distinction.

Brother Guard is also a member of the repertorial staff of the University daily.

The presidency of the senior class is now held by Brother Matthew E. Conklin. "Matt," in addition to being popular with his class mates, is also "some" student. As an evidence of this he has been elected to Tau Beta Pi. Another good student is Brother Bentley, who has recently been elected to Sigma Delta Epsilon, the honorary pedagogical society.

After a good deal of agitation an interfraternity council has at last been organized here. Each of the twenty-two national fraternities having chapters here has two representatives. Our representatives in the council are Brothers Thompson and Soper. The first result of the establishment of the council was the establishment of second semester initiation by most of the fraternities. That is, each freshman, before joining a fraternity, must pass a certain number of hours of his first semester work. Like most of the chapters here, we require twelve hours.

Our representative at the conclave, Brother Gordon D. Hoople, brings back a very favorable report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter and of the hospitality which was extended to him by Georgia Alpha. We only hope that we will be equally successfully in this respect when the conclave meets here two years hence.

Our football team has had a fairly successful season, winning five, tying two and losing three games. At the time of the Michigan game, we were pleased to have Brothers Maubetsch, Lyons and Rehor of the Michigan team visit us. It certainly speaks well for Michigan Alpha to have such good players on the chapter roll. At the same time there were several brothers from New York Beta chapter, together with several of our alumni here, as guests.

We hope that more of the brothers from the neighboring chap-

ters will be able to visit and promise them a warm reception whenever they come.

Fraternally,

NEW YORK ALPHA.

*A. R. Eckberg,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA EPSILON

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WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Saturday at 10:30 p. m. at Chapter House, 19 Letcher Avenue, Lexington, Virginia

After a successful football season Washington and Lee has settled down to hard work in preparation for the approaching exams. Pledge S. D. Shore closed the season battling valiantly on the Scrubs, and will be in a position to make a good fight for a regular berth next fall. The rest of the brothers continue to be successful in their class-room and campus work, and all expect to be on the right side when the fall term is over.

We take pleasure in introducing our newest pledge to the fraternity at large. We hope to initiate him before the Christmas examinations.

E. M. Callaway, '16, Law, of Norwood, Va.

Virginia Epsilon was well represented at the Thanksgiving Dances which have just passed. While the visiting Calic were in town an afternoon tea was held in their honor at the chapter house. The reception room was beautifully decorated and the affair proved to be one of the most successful of the season.

In closing we wish to extend the season's greetings to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, and wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

*G. S. Morrison,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA ZETA

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RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

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Meets every Saturday night, 11:00 o'clock, in Chapter House, Rail Road Ave., Ashland, Virginia

For the second time during this scholastic year Virginia Zeta extends greetings to all chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon. After a very



successful rushing season we are glad to introduce to the fraternity at large.

*Initiated October 3rd, 1914:*

Joseph Hebard Harper, B. S., Onley, Va.

Charles Magruder Lankford, B. A., Franktown, Va.

Word Day Peake, A. B., Rocky Mount, Va.

John Alexander Rorer, A. B., Lynchburg, Va.

George Selden Richardson, A. B., West Point, Va.

We have every reason to believe that these men will make strong college and fraternity men. Brother Harper came to us from the Randolph-Macon Academy, located in Front Royal, Virginia, where he had won a scholarship. He, like all of our new men, came highly recommended. Brother Lankford came from Sigma Phi Epsilon territory and has had the good old frat spirit even before initiation. He is doing fine work in the Literary Society and bids fair to be a leader in oratory and debating circles. Brother Peake is making a strong Sigma Phi, true and tried. Brother Rorer has already been elected President of his class and to the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet. He is also good intercollegiate debate material and bids fair to win the "best debaters" medal in Frank Hall which has been won by a Sigma Phi for the past six years. Brother Richardson is quite a 'ladies man' which is very essential to the life of any fraternity.

While our chapter roll doesn't number quite as many this year as last we feel sure that when the year is ended and all records are examined Sigma Phi Epsilon, like Ben Adem's name, will continue to lead the rest. We have picked our men carefully and they are men who have the interests of the fraternity always at heart.

An enjoyable affair of the past month was the annual Thanksgiving oyster roast given by the fraternity at the chapter house on Railroad Avenue, Friday evening, November 26, at 8:30. The chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Shepard. A number of alumni were present besides Brothers Dimford, Gary and Robeson from Virginia Alpha and Brother Pettus from Virginia Epsilon. Speeches were given by Dr. Howe and Brother C. B. Jones.

We are indeed sorry to report that Brother McLaughlin has had to leave school on account of his father's illness. We hope he will be able to return to us after Christmas.

Faternally,

VIRGINIA ZETA.

*W. P. Hunnicutt,*

*Acting Chapter Historian.*

*(For E. B. McLaughlin).*

## GEORGIA ALPHA

### GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY

Meets every Saturday night in Chapter House, 14 West North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

It is with a feeling of lonesomeness that Georgia Alpha greets her sister chapters after all the brothers who attended the conclave have left us, but behind it all is the happy thought of having met personally so many brothers from so many chapters.

Brother Beard received his letter for playing on the football team. Brother Malone managed the team. Georgia Alpha is represented in other activities which have begun since the close of the football season. We are represented on the class football and the basketball squads. Brother Beard is manager of this department of athletics. Six brothers claim membership in the Dramatic club and three of them hold office in the organization. Two more are trying for places in the play which the club is going to give. Brother Drummond was elected President of the guitar and mandolin club. Several brothers are trying for places on the glee club.

Brother Davis of Massachusetts and Brother Santell of Georgia Alpha, who were with us during the conclave are still here. Brother Hunnicutt of Virginia Zeta stopped with us on his way back to Randolph-Macon, upon his return from his home in Cartersville, Ga.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large the following brothers who were initiated September 26, 1914:

James Tichenor Whitman, M. E., '17.

Roderick Greer Turner, C. E., '17.

James Wilson Vaughn, Jr., E. E., '18.

Edward Lynn Drummond, Arch., '15.

William Schirm Lovell, M. E., '18.

Cobb Milner, C. E., '18.

*Initiated November 13, 1914:*

Charles Allan Inglesby, C. E., '18.

Garry Hallen Hall, E. E., '19.

All these men have caught the spirit and are working to keep Georgia Alpha at her place at the top.

We close this letter with the wish that this may be the Merriest Christmas and the Happiest New Year that every chapter has ever experienced. Also that it may be the most successful that they have ever experienced. We of Georgia hope that our chapter will again have the pleasure of entertaining the largest assembly of Sigma Phi Epsilons ever held.

Faternally,

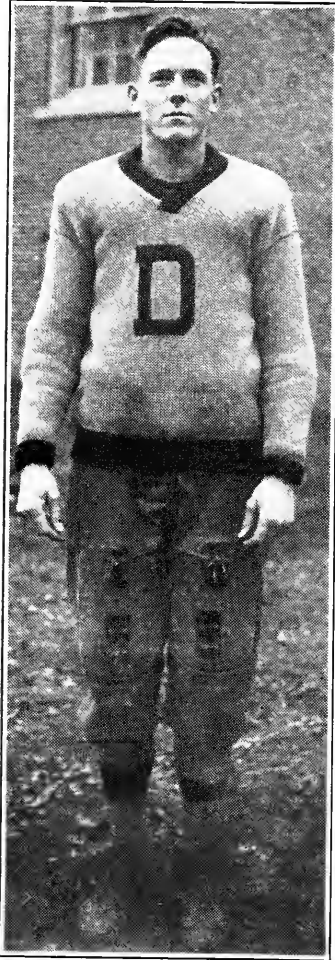
GEORGIA ALPHA.

G. A. Chapman,  
Chapter Historian.

**DELAWARE ALPHA****DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE**

Meets every Wednesday at 7 p. m. at the Chapter House, Newark, Delaware

We have just closed, here at Delaware, the most successful football season in the history of the college. We were beaten in our first game which was with Lafayette; but after that our team did not



**FRAZIER W. GROFF,**  
Delaware Alpha, Varsity  
Football

sustain a defeat. Brother Groff, Delaware Alpha's representative on the eleven, played at his old position of end and he was in the game every minute of every contest.

Our rushing season is about at an end, and we feel that we have

come through it with flying colors. Since our last letter we have taken in the following men whom we should like to introduce to the fraternity at large:

*Initiated October 7, 1914:*

William Reynolds Creadick, A and S., '18, Elkton, Md.

*Initiated October 28, 1914:*

Harold Mercer Veasey, Ch. E., '17, Edgemoor, Delaware.

Earl Ellesberry Loyd, Ag., '18, Wilmington, Delaware.

*Initiated November 18, 1914:*

Henry Paul Cleaver, M. E., '18, Marshallton, Delaware.

All these new brothers are exceptionally good men. Brother Creadick played on the Freshman football team. Brother Cleaver is out for basketball and is a promising candidate for the team. Pledge Bowen is also doing good work on the floor. Brother Loyd ran on the Freshman track team.

Brother Heyd stands at the head of the Senior Electrical Engineers as far as scholarship goes; and the same may be said of Brother Brown with regards to the Arts and Science Seniors. Brother Brown is also president of the Athenaeum Literary Society.

In the musical activities we continue to have the controlling interest. Brother Adams has been re-elected manager of the college orchestra; and in the newly formed Crescendo Club, out of six members we have four.

On January 8th we shall give our annual big dance in the Opera House, and we hope to make it the biggest social affair of the year. Needless to say any brother in "Sigma Phi Epsilon" will be more than welcome to attend.

Wishing our sister chapters all kinds of success, we are

Fraternally,

DELAWARE ALPHA.

*E. William Martin,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## VIRGINIA ETA

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

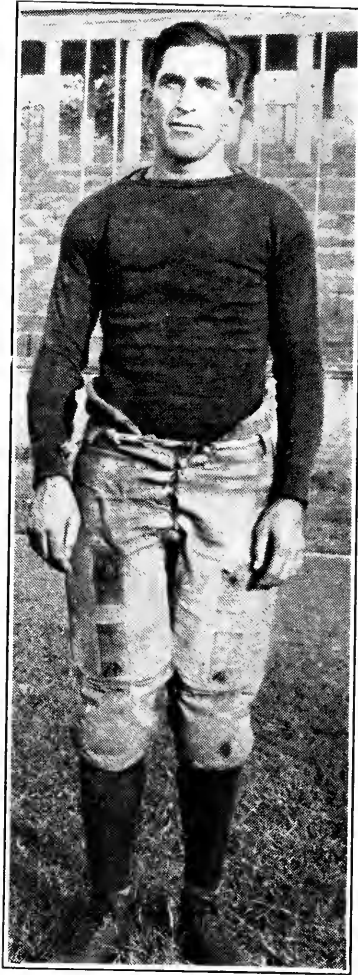
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Meets on Tuesday nights at 7:15 p. m., in the Chapter House, on Fourteenth Street, University, Virginia

Just at this time finds Virginia Eta very busy, as the Christmas examinations are near at hand. However we have made a great deal of progress since the beginning of the session, and are now comfortably located in our new house. We find that our new home comes up to our hopes and expectations, and the atmosphere that now per-

vades within our halls would lead one to think that we are bookworms, however we are as well fitted for work as pleasure and believe in taking a fair bit of both when the occasion demands.

University of Virginia has just finished a very successful football season by defeating University of North Carolina 20 to 3; and



"JIM" GILLETTE,  
Varsity Right End

Virginia Eta shares this glory in that we have Brother "Jim" Gillette playing a star game on right-end. Brother Gillette has played on the Varsity for the past three years, and has been of great service

to the team, and we will feel his absence keenly when he leaves us this year, as he is a Senior law student.

Brother Gillette is as good a student as he is a foot-ball player, and the highest tribute that can be paid him is, that he has always maintained a high standard in athletics and has always sacrificed his own interests where the good of the Fraternity is concerned.

Brother Hinton commonly known as "Billy" has been initiated into Nu Sigma Medical Fraternity. Brother Hinton is one of our best students and bids fair to bring us great honors in the medical department.

Brother Forbes who attended the Convention tells us that he had a great time and that it was the most successful Convention on record. He further tells us that he considers it the greatest pleasure of his life to meet so many of the brothers, and he wishes to convey, through this letter, a word of good cheer to all the men he met and thank them for the good time they showed him.

We have no initiates to announce now, however we have a fine bunch of pledges and will not initiate them until after the Holidays.

We trust that all of the brothers will make their Christmas exams, here and elsewhere, and spend a very enjoyable Christmas. If any brother should happen this way we extend him an invitation to stop with us, remember the latch string is always on the outside.

Faternally,

VIRGINIA ETA.

*S. F. White, Jr.,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

## ARKANSAS ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Meets every Monday at 7:30 p. m. at Fraternity rooms, 346 Arkansas Avenue,  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Once more Arkansas Alpha takes great pleasure in sending greetings to her sister chapters.

On the evening of December 4th, Arkansas Alpha gave her annual dance which was a very successful stunt and was heartily enjoyed by one hundred-fifty of the fraternities' friends and pledges.

Since our last letter we have been honored by visits from our Brothers C. T. Treadway, E. E., '03, and E. V. Bird, C. E., '07. Brother Treadway is senior member of the Treadway Electric Co. of Little Rock, Arkansas, while Brother Bird is engineer in charge of construction work in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Brother Buckley who is on the Engineering Faculty again this year was elected to membership as one of the charter members in the

honorary engineering fraternity, Tau Beta Pi, which has just been installed at the university.

In closing we wish every Sigma Phi Epsilon the happiest of Christmas greetings.

Faternally,

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

*A. C. Clark,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON

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LEHIGH UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., at the Chapter House, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Our second chapter letter finds us in the midst of preparations for Christmas and the mid-year examinations which soon follow. The short Thanksgiving holiday broke the monotony of school work and every one returned with added zest and ability to get down to studying.

We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large the following initiates:

Lewis Babcock Ryon, C. E., '17, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Benjamin Haines Rigg, C. E., '18, Burlington, New Jersey.

This makes a total of eight members we have taken in so far this year. We are still on the look-out for promising men since there is no definite time set for rushing here at Lehigh. This gives us an opportunity to secure men in the second term when a number of new students enter from the preparatory schools.

We have changed our meeting night from Monday to Tuesday evening. This was due to the fact that a new college rule has been passed to have the various fraternities meet at the same time and thus avoid conflicts with other college activities.

The football season has closed with a splendid record, Lehigh having suffered only one defeat, that at the hands of Yale. The baseball season has not opened although candidates have been called out for this as well as for the winter practice for lacrosse.

The evening of our big game with Lafayette we held our annual banquet. After downing our ancient rivals 17-7 in the afternoon we sat down that evening to a fine spread in our chapter house. Everyone was in the best of spirits and all felt capable of doing justice to the "eats." Brothers Finn, Mart, and Liebig, representing our alumni, gave some fine speeches on their experiences after leaving college. Brother Ennis gave a rousing speech on the success

of our football team which well fitted the occasion of the day. He brought out the position our team has made this year by defeating Pennsylvania State and Lafayette Colleges as well as other strong teams and in suffering only one defeat. Brother Baird made an appeal to the alumni to support the building fund. After many toasts to the success of Sigma Phi Epsilon and our sister chapters we arose with a feeling that our banquet was a success.

Brother Peterson has been accorded the honor of membership to Tau Beta Pi. Brothers Wuchter and Barkley were on the football squad, Brother Barkley having made the Sophomore team. Brother Rigg is a candidate for "Mustard and Cheese."

In closing we want all to remember that our house is always open and that we are glad to welcome any brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

*C. Roberts,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## OHIO GAMMA

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

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Meets every other Monday evening, 7:00 p. m., at the Chapter House, 1550 Avenue, Columbus, Ohio

Again we hope this page will bear the greetings of Ohia Gamma to all wearers of the heart.

During the months which have rolled around since our last communication much has happened at Ohio Gamma which might be of interest to our sister chapters. We long ago have settled down into the routine of school work and when those charming little mid-semester invitations requesting visits to the various Deans were sent out, Sigma Phi Epsilon was singularly slighted. As expected our informal dance at Ohio Union was quite a success and all the brothers and alumni, who were able to be present, voted their thanks to our efficient social committee for the splendid time. On the evening of December 4, a smoker and card party was given at our chapter house as a sort of get-acquainted meeting for our many Freshmen friends. In all about fifteen men were our guests for dinner and enjoyed the progressive euchre afterwards. We very fittingly ended the occasion by all attending the "open house" reception given by the student council at the Ohio Union.

Just before our bunch breaks up for the holiday vacation, we will have a banquet and house smoker. At this opportune time each



member is to present to the house any gift or decoration for which he sees a need. We feel sure that this annual custom will instill a stronger fraternal spirit in each and every member of our chapter.

On the annual Ohio State Day of November 27, the student body and alumni held a two-day carnival in the Gymnasium. Sigma Phi Epsilon ran an up-to-the-minute soda fountain and served delicious ices to the famishing crowd as well as to their best girls.

Brother Roedel, our delegate to the Georgia Conclave reports a mighty fine time while the guest of Georgia Alpha.

Plans are rapidly formulating for our annual mid-year dance to be given Friday, January 8, after our return from the holidays. Brother Lewis of our social committee is promising quite a "spluzzy" affair.

Fulfilling our fondest expectations Brother Hobt has been a star performer on Ohio State's most successful football team of recent years. But for the failure to kick goal his touchdown would have tied the big Wisconsin team and his stellar work in pulling off long runs in the Indiana and Northwestern games deserves mention.

On October 6, we initiated into Sigma Phi Epsilon:

Irwin Clifton Brown, Eng., '17, Agosta, Ohio.

Harry Howard Thompson, Eng., '17, Bellair, Ohio.

And are glad to hereby introduce them to the fraternity at large. Both are men of sterling qualities and will undoubtedly prove worthy brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon. Brother Thompson last year ran the quarter for the Freshmen track team and this year due to his omnipresent effervescent spirit and enthusiasm has been chosen assistant cheer leader.

With best wishes for the success and prosperity of each and every wearer of the heart during the coming new year we remain,

Fraternally,

OHIO GAMMA.

*Raymond A. Miles,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## VERMONT ALPHA

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NORWICH UNIVERSITY

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Meets every other Sunday at 2:00 p. m. at Chapter House, Northfield, Vermont

There comes a time in the long college year when the tedious hours become brighter and the lines of anxiety in our faces vanish in smiles of anticipation. The spider of joy weaves about us an imper-

netrable web of good will. It is the approach of the holidays which brings new cheer to our hearts.

Up here among the snow-clad peaks of Vermont there is a little band of fellows tied together by the bonds of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and though none of us stop to realize it, this great order of brothers practically makes our college life for us. Being bound together as we are, our inner-selves are revealed to each other and we come to realize more and more the truth of that little motto—"There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us, that it hardly behooves any of us to speak about the rest of us." Sigma Phi Epsilon establishes a harmony of feeling between her brothers which can only be broken by death.

Our chapter has been honored by visits from several of her alumni and was particularly pleased to welcome Brother Wade of New York Alpha, who congratulated the chapter upon its work.

The chapter has at present eleven active members, but after our first initiation, her numbers will be swelled to nearly twenty-five. This shows where the chapter stands in the estimation of the non-fraternity men. With all probability our fraternity has the largest number of pledges of any fraternity here.

Brother Anthony, former chapter historian, who was out of college for a year on account of ill health has returned and with the true Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit is making a brave attack on the academic.

The subjects to be discussed at the Grand Conclave, were given a thorough consideration, though much was left to the wisdom and fairness of our delegate, Brother Creed, who volunteered to go and pay his own expenses and we were all satisfied that he was the man for the "job."

In closing Vermont Alpha extends to her sister chapters best wishes for a happy holiday season and a bright outlook for the mid-year exams.

Fraternally,  
VERMONT ALPHA.

*Wayne E. Davis,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## ALABAMA ALPHA

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ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

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Meets every Friday night in Chapter House at 7:30 o'clock, Auburn, Alabama

Alabama Alpha sends greetings to all of her sister chapters and wishes them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A great many things have happened around the campus since

the last letter was sent in. The most interesting of these being football. This season Auburn has succeeded in putting out an eleven which has won seven and tied one out of eight S. I. A. A. games, not being scored on in any of them. This gives her a good claim on the championship. We were represented on this team by Brother Hart. This is his fourth year on the team and also his best,



ALABAMA ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE

as his long end runs have been one of the chief sources of gains for the team. We were also represented by Brother Robinson who has made good at center this year. On the second team we were represented by Brothers Howle, Blanchard and Saunders.

Two of the games were played in Atlanta, Georgia, and the brothers who went up were very enjoyable entertained by members of the Georgia Alpha, for which we remain indebted to them.

Football is not the only activity that the chapter has taken. We are represented in the Glee Club by Brother Steenhuis and in the band by Brother Whitfield. Brother Carter is expected to make the basket ball team. At the last appointment of military officers. Brother Brooks and Sevier received lieutenants while Brother Robinson was given a corporal.

Brother Hart who represented us at the Conclave has come back with the best of reports. He says that the Conclave was the grandest kind of a success and that he has never seen a finer set of boys. We are all very much indebted to Georgia Alpha as the Conclave could not have been entertained more royally and I am sure all who attended return with a better inspiration to live up to  $\Sigma \Phi E$

ideals. Brother Robinson and Sharpe from this chapter attended the Conclave both of whom report that they enjoyed themselves to the greatest extent.

We wish to introduce to the Fraternity at large the following:  
*Initiated September 25, 1914:*

William Cook McKay, Elec., '18, Montgomery, Alabama.

William Johnston Ross, Mech., '18, Anniston, Alabama.

*Initiated October 16, 1914:*

Wilmer Huxley Carter, Elec., '16, Pensacola, Florida.

William B. Saunders, Elec., '18, Greenwood, Mississippi.

In closing we wish to say that our doors are wide open and we extend a hearty welcome to all of our brothers to visit us.

Wishing every chapter the greatest success.

Faternally,

ALABAMA ALPHA.

*W. W. Wood,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA

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TRINITY COLLEGE

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Meets every Wednesday evening in Chapter Rooms, 306 Alsbaugh Hall at 7:00 o'clock, Durham, North Carolina

Again we enjoy that most peculiar pleasure of greeting our sister chapters in that old familiar tone. We are filled with the same old spirit, since prospects seem so bright.

"Rushing" season is at its fullest—and we are all hard at work looking over the "freshies"—trying to pick out material—and in doing so we find several prospects which we hope to "sew up" on December 15. Since the day of pledging is not far off, we are depending upon our bond of friendship to hold the freshman's mind in the right direction.

During the past few weeks many things have happened in which Sigma Phi Epsilon was well represented. Brothers Shore, Hambrick, and Kanipe were taken into the "Tombs." Brother Bond was appointed on the Glee Club. Brother Smith is representing us in basketball.

Since our last letter we initiated on November 4, 1914:

John J. Hambrick, Arts, '16, Roxboro, North Carolina.

Brother Hambrick comes to us highly recommended, and from his college standing we find that he cannot be surpassed. He is a member of the "Tombs" and also he was honored by being assigned

a room in the "Rough Neck" section, in which nothing but aristocrats live.

However, in the last few weeks we have not been alone. We were honored by a visit by Brother Griffin, our Grand President, on his return from his vacation. We had short talks with him and enjoyed them as we always do. Hope Brother Griffin sees this.

We might add that Brother Pinner from North Carolina Beta has become greatly interested in us. For a long time we thought he was visiting us through brotherly love, but much to our surprise—it was one of Durham's fair ladies. Nevertheless, we are always glad to see him and all visitors.

Brother Evans, our representative to the Conclave has not yet returned. His letters report much success.

We wish every wearer of the "Sacred Heart" the "Merriest" Christmas, and hope that stray brothers will drop around more often.

Fraternally,

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

*Hugh G. Isley,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA

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DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

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Meets every Wednesday evening at 7:15 in Chapter Rooms in Bridgeman Block, Hanover, New Hampshire

The approach of the New Year finds New Hampshire Alpha industriously pursuing that learning which must eternally be sought. Our endeavor is not confined to this field entirely, for since the last round of letters New Hampshire Alpha has secured what she thinks to be the best freshman delegation in her history. She has also been represented in both athletic and non-athletic activities, and in either branch has carried herself well.

New Hampshire Alpha takes pleasure in presenting to the fraternity the following new brothers:

Charles Hubbard Dudley, Arts, '16, Concord, New Hampshire.

Denis D. Linehan, Science, '16, Hudson Falls, New York.

An added honor came to our portion when the relative standings of the various students for the second semester of the last college year were posted recently. Brother "Chuck" Dudley headed the junior class of 326, while Brother Dinsmoor stood ninth. At the same time Brother "Hunk" Stillman stood fifth in the sophomore list.

Brother "Chuck" Durkin, captain of the cross-country team, is enjoying a well-earned rest after a strenuous season. He led the

team to the finish line in every race in which it participated, thus showing himself a true leader. Brother Dinsmoor, though hampered by an injured ankle, won his "cDc" this fall as a member of the team.

Basketball now occupies the center of the sporting arena, and New Hampshire Alpha is represented on the squad by Brothers "Sid" Crawford, and "Kike" and Guy Richardson. The chapter is also represented in the Interfraternity basketball league, as well as in the bowling league. Our start in the latter tourney was inauspicious, but we are confident of being among the leaders before the holidays.

Our chapter has recently had the pleasure of a visit from our Grand President, Brother John Calvin Griffin, who tarried overnight with us November 7. As a result of his visit and to a great extent in consequence of Brother Griffin's intense interest in and loyalty to the fraternity, New Hampshire Alpha is already planning to occupy a house of her own at the opening of the next college year. We regret that Brother Griffin could not have remained longer in Hanover, but we utilized the time he was here to gain valued information of our sister chapters and further inspiration in the record Sigma Phi Epsilon is making wherever she is represented.

Brother "Zip" Coon, our Conclave delegate, has brought home glowing reports of the wonderful hospitality of Georgia Alpha and of the many features to be encountered in Atlanta. He adds that the group of brothers he met in the course of his trip was second to none, and we can easily believe him. New Hampshire Alpha, at the outset of this new session of the Grand Chapter, is determined more than ever before to do her utmost to advance Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In closing New Hampshire Alpha extends to all her sister chapters, and to each individual brother, her best wishes for a pleasant holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

*Donald E. Law,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA

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GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock in Chapter House at 15th and R. Street, Washington, D. C.

With the smoke of the rushing season cleared away in George Washington University,—and it certainly has been a vigorous one

here, we can look with much gratification upon the men whom we have admitted to our fraternity. The list embraces nine in all, hailing from rather scattered parts of this hemisphere.

The preliminary, and from many aspects ungenteel, initiation has been very popular in this chapter from the beginning, and the writer, who participated in the one held this year, can honestly testify that its popularity has not waned in the least. We have infused into the history of each of the above a night of nights which will be ever glaring in their memories, one which has dealt them all sorts of human sensations and emotions, coming with a rapidity and irregularity far beyond their puny powers of anticipation. We concluded with our popular stunt of a joy ride with the joy restricted to Sigma Phi Epsilons, in the course of which vast territory in the District of Columbia was covered in the wee hours of the night. Everybody is home, now, and happy, and very much softened after going through our unusually pretty formal ceremony. With this appreciable increase to our ranks, our house has a much more lively atmosphere.

In our last letter, we endeavored to record the marriages that have taken place among District of Columbia Alpha men, but in that letter we indicated that the task was quite a difficult one, so we do not feel very negligent in appending to that list the names of Brother Sherwood and Brother Waldo Schmidt, the latter of whom has just blown in from the coast after an absence of about three years. Being one of the old crowd, his arrival, heralded by a wedding announcement slightly before it, made his visit most interesting. Brother Sherwood has been a house member since the very beginning of District of Columbia Alpha, so that our joy in his new household is somewhat dampened by reflection upon his absence.

On December 12th, for the first time in the history of the chapter an effort was made to seat all who could come to an informal dinner at the chapter house, and the committee in charge is certainly to be congratulated upon the success of the venture. Not only was there a tempting menu, but there was just enough of gentlemanly riot to make the party quite interesting. In the course of the dinner, several factions developed at the table, who endeavored to outstrip each other in exhibitions of vocal and "Knocking" talent. So keen was the competition that the fact of it being a vocal contest became completely obscured in the noisy emanations of the north end of the table. Again, the prevailing opinion was that the jokes of the north end were quite lacking in fetching power. Besides our twenty-six active men, we were highly elated to find fourteen inactive men, and particularly honorary Brother Johnson, who is always on the job on such occasions. In addition to this very successful function, an

informal dansante was held at the house on Thanksgiving and was well attended. We are looking forward to our usual Christmas dance, which will be held on the thirtieth, and is the most delightful of our holiday recreations.

Brothers Kruger and Hunter came back from the conclave with all sorts of flattery for our brothers all over the country, and with a stock of buttons, for which everybody grabbed. There are some sighs because there was not a stock of the pocketbooks also. Our representatives at the conclave wish to convey their thanks to Georgia Alpha for their entertainment while there. We also wish to express our congratulations to the newly elected officers, with best wishes for their administration.

While *The Journal* will not reach us until after the holidays we wish everyone to know of our hearty desires for a happy Christmas season for them. We also wish everyone a prosperous New Year, and trust that there will be little or no necessity of leaf turning.

Faternally,

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

*Daniel A. Connor,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## KANSAS ALPHA

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BAKER UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday at 2:00 p. m. at the Chapter House, 602 Ninth Street,  
Baldwin, Kansas

For the sake of chapter spirit it is too bad that there can not be more conclaves. The account which Brother Monnett Davis brings us of the gathering and of the hospitality of the Georgia Chapter, makes every brother realize more fully the value of the brotherhood.

With great pleasure we are looking forward to owning our own house next year. It seems probable that we will be able to see the matter through. The active members and alumni are all enthused with the idea.

With the football season a thing of the past, Kansas Alpha takes pleasure in announcing that six of the brothers were awarded letters for their work during the past season. Captain Armstrong, McMillian, Illig, W. Scott, L. Scott, and Clarridge were the successful athletes. We also have men out for places on the basketball squad.

The annual fall barbecue took place on November the seventh. The entire chapter, with their "dates" and ten visiting brothers drove out to a grove several miles from the city, where the pledges had prepared a blazing fire of welcome, and the "barbecue" an even more



welcome quarter of meat. Brother Crabbe of California, who ought to know about such affairs, pronounced it "some party," between mouthfuls.

Many of the brothers from our own chapters and from other chapters as well, drop in on us at times. The University of Kansas at Lawrence, sixteen miles from here, has five Sig Eps on her rolls, all of whom visit us at times. The men are Fast, Divley, and Lentz of Baker, Stofer of Missouri, and Crabbe of California. Brother Price, *The Journal* editor is with us every week end.

The late pledging rules, prevent our initiating men but we assure the brothers that we are on the alert and will initiate some good freshmen when they are eligible in June. The chapter house is now comfortably filled.

In closing we wish every brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

KANSAS ALPHA.

*John Urner,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## CALIFORNIA ALPHA

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

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Meets every Monday at 7:15 p. m. in the Chapter House, 1711 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, California. Phone Berkeley 3088

In the rush and scurry for knowledge necessary for the final examinations, we pause to send our greetings to the Chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon. These are indeed, days of labor.

It is with pleasure that we welcome our delegate from the Conclave. He brings us fresh from the Eastern shores, the true spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon. We cannot but feel a keener interest and work harder from the reports he brings us. Georgia Alpha deserves much credit. We hope to persuade the brothers to meet in sunny California some day.

As a result of late initiation we present the following brothers:

William Himmelman, C. E., '17, San Francisco, Cal.

John Clark, C. E., '18, Nordhoff, Cal.

Walter Escherick, Arch., '18, Berkeley, Cal.

The event of chief interest in the college at California was the big Rugby match with Stanford. We lost to a better team. The annual game is an important event to us because it brings back the "old boys" for a few days. The night before the big game is the date of our annual banquet commemorating the installation of Cal-

ifornia Alpha. This year we met at Tait's Cafe in San Francisco and enjoyed one of the best banquets of our career.

On Friday night, November 6th the regular semester dance was held at the Chapter house. It proved a big success. Brother R. L. Flannery, '09 and Mrs. Flannery acted as chaperones. We are already planning a formal dance to be given during the spring semester.

During the Thanksgiving vacation the Juniors of the University had their fling. Brother Robertson distinguished himself by taking part in the Junior Day play. Brother Cornwall was a member of the decoration committee which did good in preparing for the Prom.

When our "exes" and the Christmas holidays are over we hope to give news of our brothers engaged in spring activities. In conclusion we wish you all a pleasant and profitable Christmas vacation.

Fraternally,

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

*C. L. Thiele,*

*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEBRASKA ALPHA

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

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Meets every Monday evening, 7:00 p. m. at Chapter House, 1319 Q. Street.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Nebraska Alpha is enjoying her most successful year, with thirty men rushing and boosting, together constantly for the glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Along the line of school activities Nebraska Alpha is making a wonderful showing. Brother Jackson received an appointment to the staff of the Nebraska Annual "The Cornhusker." Brother Koupal was initiated into Alpha Kappa Xi the honorary commercial fraternity. Brother Marsh was chosen for the position of University Glee Club organist. Brother Balis won his "N" again this year in varsity football, playing a stellar right end. Brother Balis was mentioned by several writers as being All Missouri Valley material. Brothers Clark and Theisen are working out regularly with the varsity basketball squad and their chances are good. Brother Miller is working up his campaign for business manager of the 1916 "Cornhusker" and is at present on the "Awgwon" Staff.

Out here in Nebraska we claim to have one of the greatest football teams ever produced. We have some team. If you don't be-

lieve it come out next year and see—we're going to have a better one then.

Brothers Ruby and Koupal who recently returned from Atlanta, are loud in their praises of Georgia Alpha. "Best time we ever had in our lives" Brother Koupal said. "And the women, ————— I'm going to live in Georgia some day" broke in "Rube." The boys have told us all about their trip and what a wonderful time, and what fine men they had met. All of which was to be expected.

In a few days we leave for our Christmas vacation. If the boys eat as much during the two weeks of Christmas vacation as they did during the three days at Thanksgiving time, Nebraska Alpha is going to have about twenty funerals.

Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year we are,

Fraternally,

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

*Burke W. Taylor,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## WASHINGTON ALPHA

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### WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

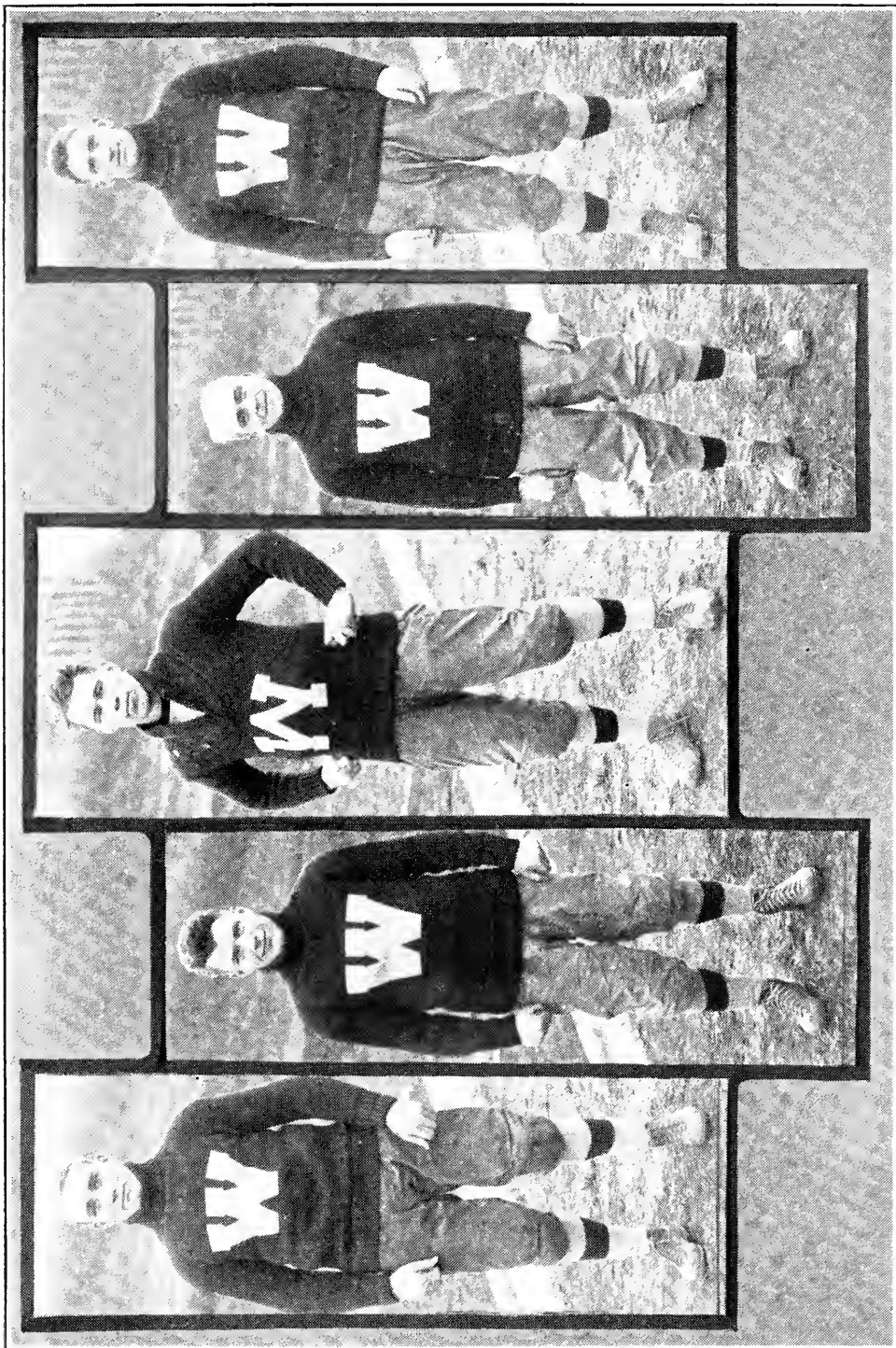
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Meets every Sunday morning at eight-thirty, in the Chapter House, 511 Colorado St., Pullman, Washington

Washington Alpha is particularly happy as this letter is being written, for this evening we pledged two likeable and entirely worth while men, over keen competition and as both came with advanced standing we shall be pleased to introduce them to the fraternity before long as worthy wearers of the sacred heart.

The football season is over and five of the sixteen letter men are  $\Sigma \Phi E$ . Brother Dietz would have made a great run for All-Northwest had it not been for a dislocated elbow which kept him from the Whitman game. Pledge Bernard proved a sensation returning punts and carrying the ball at quarter, and with a little experience will be ranked among the best pilots in northwest footballdom. Brother Smith who was ousted from the position at field general by Bernard, switched to half and his runs were the sensation of nearly every game. Captain Alvord went through the season under severe handicap of injuries and while always to be depended upon was not the star that he was last year.

Brother Dietz has been initiated into Crimson Circle and Sigma Tau, honorary societies, and Brother Alvord has been pledged Alpha Zeta. Brother Lewis was acting captain during the entire cross-country season and lead the team in the Idaho meet and in the Con-



QUINTETTE WASHINGTON ALPHA VARSITY FOOTBALL LETTER MEN

ference meet at O. A. C. Brothers Passmore and Goddard were alternates on this team.

It has been a source of quiet satisfaction to us to see the way that the men of our fraternity handle themselves in all student activities. There is no activity in which we are not represented in some way.

The left overs made Thanksgiving very enjoyable for a party of fair co-eds at a Thanksgiving party which lasted from morning until very late in the evening. We have engineered other enjoyable social events that have helped to break the monotony of student work.

We are expectantly awaiting the results of mid-semesters as we are trying for a high place among the organizations this time.

Our system of alumni circular letters is proving very satisfactory. It doesn't take long to make carbon copies of a good peppy letter of about one page to send out to the "old boys" and from the letters we receive they are very glad to hear from the old bunch. We have been very glad to greet many of the alumni during the fall and expect more before Christmas.

We are anxious to have Brother Turner's report on the Conclave and there isn't one of us but would have liked to have been in his shoes, in order to meet and know a few of our Eastern Brothers. He is taking advantage of his trip to visit other chapters and we are receiving glowing reports everywhere he has been.

Washington Alpha's latch string is always out and if we ever hear of any brothers coming within a thousand miles of our humble cot and not dropping in on us we shall disown and disinherit him.

With the best of wishes for a happy and prosperous year, when it comes, we wish to remain,

Fraternally,

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

*Clarence C. Ewing,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

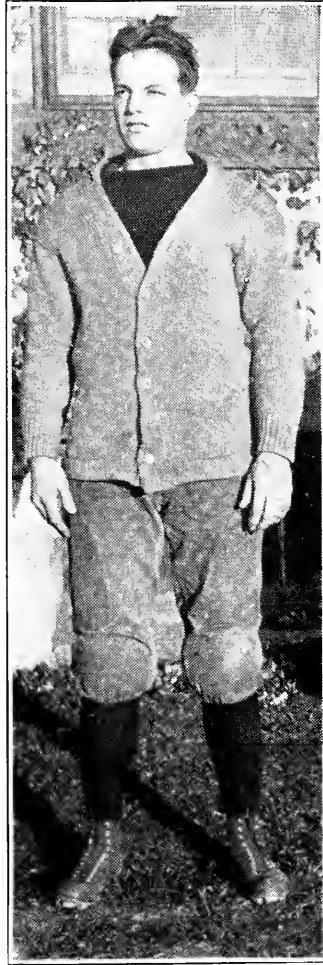
MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURE COLLEGE

Meets every Monday at 7:00 p. m. in Chapter Hall, North Dormitory, Amherst, Massachusetts

The turkey has had its innings and once more, we of Massachusetts Alpha return to the dreary monotony of "hash house" grub. Football is over and we have one man as wearer of the big black M in the person of Brother Whorf who was one of the finds of the season in the backfield. Brother Cotton played in a number of

games and just failed to make his letter ; however he is only a sophomore and his chances for next year are of the brightest. Varsity hockey and interclass basketball now have the stage and in the latter we have Brother Pike as a veteran of the senior team and Brother

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**BROTHER WHORF,**  
Mass. Alpha, Varsity  
Fullback

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Everbeck occupying a similar position in the sophomore ranks. One of our pledges is making a strong bid for the freshman basketball team, while another is numbered among the hockey squad. Inter-class rifle matches to develop material for the varsity team have been held of late with Brothers Pike and Bartlett representing us on the

senior team and Brother Everbeck on the sophomore dead eyes. One of our pledges is on the freshman team.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large, initiated October 26, 1914:

Sidney Merton Masse, B. Sc., '15, Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Brother Masse is one of the leading dispensers of wit and wisdom on the campus and has been one of the leading lights in the dramatic club. Brother Wilkins was recently elected to the senior honorary society of Karatid and also to the position of class Seargent at Arms. Brother Wilbur is among the cast for the play "Her Husband's Wife." Brother Coley ex-captain of the cross country team was again one of its stars until he was disabled by a sprained ankle. Brother Cande represented the chapter at the conclave and Brother Dodge, '12 and Brother Davis, '14 also attended. Brother Cande says that the South is all right and he cannot say enough for Southern hospitality.

Brother Rogers was among the lucky nimrods during our open season on deer (four legged variety) and as a result the brothers of the chapter were his guests at a venison supper on the evening of November 24. It was a wonderful feed and the bunch enjoyed it very much. After the big smokes had been lighted it was up to "Skinny" to tell all over again how the fatal shot was fired.

Brother Stillman of New Hampshire Alpha was our guest last month and we enjoyed his visit very much.

In closing we wish all of the chapters the merriest of Christ-masses and the brightest of all New Years.

Fraternally,

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

*Thomas L. Harrocks,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## NEW YORK BETA

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Sunday night at 6:45 p. m. at the Lodge, 112 Edgemoor Lane, Ithaca, New York

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Since our last chapter letter, New York Beta has passed through a very successful rushing season. We are, therefore, very glad to introduce to the Fraternity at large the following brothers, initiated on November 4, 1914:

John Burl Rowland, M. E., '18, Warrensburg, Missouri.

Thomas LeRoy Baugher, Arts, '18, Baltimore, Maryland.

Manley Stowell Inscho, Agr., '18, Nichols, New York.

Talbot Marion Malcolm, Arts, '18, Salamanca, New York.  
James Benedict Morey, M. E., '18, Buffalo, New York.  
Will Brown Murphy, M. E., '18, Baltimore, Maryland.  
Philip Traver Schantz, Agr., '18, Highland, New York.  
Karl Merner Staebler, Agr., '18, Brooklyn, New York.  
Karel Haensen Toll, Chem., '18, Passaic, New York.  
Thomas Graecch Weilepp, M. E., '18, Baltimore, Maryland.  
Robert Emmett Ryerson, M. E., '18, Middletown, New York.  
James Armand Meissner, M. E., '18, Brooklyn, New York.  
Charles Styles Dana, Agr., '17, Kingston, New York.

Our initiation banquet, which was held at the Chapter House on the following evening, was an incident, which will long be remembered by all present. We feel very proud of our new brothers and feel that each one of them fully realizes the duties that devolve upon them as a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

On October 10th we initiated Richard Leech Elton, '12, this being the first opportunity "Dick" has had to lay aside business cares and affiliate with New York Beta. On October 20th we took into the fold William Fenimore Childs, Jr., '10. "Buck" is now a benedict and made us his recent short visit while on his honeymoon.

Brother Mehaffey represented us on the varsity eleven this fall, playing at right end until an injury in the Pittsburgh game sent him to the infirmary and kept him out of the game nearly all the remainder of the season. Brothers Inscho and Ryerson played at fullback and end respectfully on the freshman team. They both made a fine showing in the big game of the 1918 team, that against Penn freshmen and we are expecting much of them next year as varsity material. Brother Inscho was also elected Athletic Director of the freshman class.

At the Carlisle game we welcomed back Brothers Dieckmann, '14 and Baugher, '14. The Carlisle game brought back to their Alma Mater Brothers Couch, '10, Parker, '13, Houston, '13, McMahon, '14, Taylor, '14, and Meyer, '14.

Brothers A. P. Hoffman and Holstrom are making bids for positions on the hockey team and though nearly all of last year's team is back we feel confident that one or the other of the brothers will make the Christmas trip. Brother "Stu" Cooper stands high in the competition for track managership and we are all pulling for "Stu" to win what is probably the stiffest of Cornell competitions. Brother Gates is making an excellent showing in the minor sports competition and New York Beta feels confident of soon having her third member on the Minor Sports Council in as many years.

On November 20th our annual fall dance was held at the lodge and was, as always, a magnificent success. Dancing was from 8:30



until 1:30 and twenty of the brothers with their ladies did the mystic fling and other new forms of the terpsichorean art. The society function of the year, Junior Week, is not far off now and we are making elaborate preparations for what promises to be the best Junior Week House-Party the chapter has ever given. The party last year was a "howling" success but this year we are going to fairly out-do ourselves to send our lady guests home with the feeling that they have had the time of their lives. The party comes the first week in February and already we have a committee at work making arrangements for all the details of a party of this size. Musical Club Concerts, hockey and basket-ball games with Penn and Princeton, the Junior Prom, Sophomore Cotillion, skating, tobogganing, etc.—these are just a few of the things that keep things moving Junior Week.

In closing New York Beta extends to every chapter and every brother the best of wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,  
NEW YORK BETA.

*A. Alvin Booth,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## RHODE ISLAND ALPHA

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BROWN UNIVERSITY

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Meets every Monday at 7:30 at Fraternity Room in Caswell Hall, Providence,  
Rhode Island

Rhode Island Alpha certainly chose the right man when she appointed Brother Steel to represent her at the Conclave, for no one could have related his experiences to us in a more thrilling way than he. He has even got us singing Georgia Tech. songs. We feel as if we were ourselves present, and we at Brown give long, lasting, lusty cheers for our Georgia Alpha in appreciation of the hospitality which she showed to our delegate and to the others.

Brother Keach, '17 won his numerals by playing half-back on the sophomore football team in the annual contest against the freshmen.

Brother Rice, '17 is showing lots of fight for a place on the Brown Wrestling Team, and won honors by getting a fall on a Freshman in the interclass match.

Brother Lowe, '17 is working faithfully for a place on the Brown Daily Herald and is quite sure of success.

Brother Marshall, '18 has been nominated for president of the freshman class.

Brothers J. A. Pearce, '15 and N. P. Leonard, '16 are on the

senior and junior Liber Board.

We have been quite successful in securing new men this year and we introduce to the fraternity the following brothers that have been taken in:

Howard Louis Quimby, Science, '15, South Action, Mass.

Russell Billings Qumby, Science, '16, South Action, Mass.

Melville Morris Lowe, Arts, '17, Essex, Mass.

Horace Carpenter Jeffers, Arts, '18, Central Falls, R. I.

Wardwell Coles Leonard, Arts, '18, Providence, R. I.

Julian Brewer Marshall, Arts, '18, Ashton, R. I.

Frederick Neal Tompkins, Science, '18, Pawtucket, R. I.

We are now experimenting upon a plan whereby Rhode Island Alpha can get in closer touch with the professors of the university and whereby the professors can get in closer touch with us. About once a month we are going to hold an informal smoker and have open house. At these smokers we shall have the various professors come and give us a short talk on some interesting subject, and perhaps a little music will drift in.

We were recently entertained by Brother Davison, '05, who while traveling through Switzerland into Germany the latter part of August had quite a stirring experience with the German police and other authorities, and considers himself lucky to have been able to get back to the United States. We are glad that the war did not detain him for he is to be our toastmaster at our annual banquet on December 5th.

In closing we wish our Brothers a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and the best of success in their examinations.

Fraternally,

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

*Newton P. Leonard,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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## MICHIGAN ALPHA

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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Meets every Monday at 7:00 p. m. in the Chapter House, 1335 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan

At the eve of the holiday vacation Michigan Alpha again greets her sister chapters, extending to them the best wishes for a happy New Year. The past few months have been successful ones for us and we are at last in a position of equality with the other big fraternities of the campus after two years of struggle as a new organization.

Although we have eleven pledges we are holding them over until

next semester when we will be able to initiate freshmen under the new rules laid down by the University with regard to the initiation of first year men.

We cannot help but boast at our annual success on the gridiron this fall. Brother Maubetsch has already found a place on several All-American teams and everyone expects his name to appear among Camp's veterans for the fall of 1914. Brother Lyons, the star end was robbed of his glory by continual shifting of his position by the coach. However he played on the first squad all season and we only hope that he will be given the opportunity to show the true metal of which he is made as an end on the 1915 team. Brother Rehor had some trouble with the eligibility committee and did not go into training until the middle of the season. Although he played in both the M. A. C. and Harvard games he did not secure a position on the first eleven. Our honors in football are not alone confined to the Varsity. Brother Daun secured his numerals as guard on the Soph Lit. class team which won the Campus champion this fall. Brother Stone also won numerals playing the same position on the Junior Lit. team.

We are also possessed of some musical talent. Brother Hughes "our little dancing teacher from New Jersey" has been elected dancing director for the Michigan Union opera. Brother Honey a talented musician on stringed instruments is playing with the Mandolin Club this fall. Brother Hone was elected to the Alchemist Society, a chemical honorary society.

We have laid special emphasis on academic activity this year passing rigid rules regarding the study hours of under-classmen. An unusually fruitful harvest has been reaped from this action in the form of more than favorable marks in the mid-semester reports of the Brothers.

On the day of the Penn. game we were pleased to have visit us from Pennsylvania Delta, Brothers Huff, Odgers, and Hawkey who were among the rooters from Philadelphia.

Wishing everybody a Merry Christmas we are,

Fraternally,

*Philip E. Bond,*

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

*Chapter Historian.*

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## IOWA ALPHA

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IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

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Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p. m. at the Chapter House, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

Iowa Alpha wishes to extend the season's best wishes to all sister

chapters. May they all enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

At the opening of our letter we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large our latest initiate:

Louis Emil Luebbbers, Arts, '17, Emden, Ill.

Brother Luebbbers is a real all round college man. As a Freshman he captured his key in debate and secured a position on the varsity tennis team. We rightfully expect great things from our new brother and are proud to him among us.

Wesleyan closed a semi-successful foot-ball season by losing to Des Moines college. The team was seriously handicapped by injuries and prolonged vacations via the no grade route. Seven brothers have been awarded the honor "Wo" Brother Grant in spite of his light weight made a name for himself as a back field man. Whenever a gain through the line was needed "Teaser" was given the ball and he never failed to make good. Hayes taken from his usual position at end and placed at quarter managed the team in a very heady manner. Brother Hayes graduates in June and his loss to the foot-ball team will be greatly felt. Pledges Ballew and Noelke showed foot-ball ability by playing consistent ball in the back field positions. Brothers Wahl, Hunter and Weston performed in the line. Wahl with his two hundred pounds of beef made his guard position a veritable "stone" Wahl. Brother Hunter was played both at tackle and end. Wesleyan has been invited to become a member of the Iowa Conference, as a member of the conference she will have much more prestige in the state.

Three Sig Eps of last year's Basket Ball team are out again and should have no trouble in holding their places. Brother Wahl, guard and captain; Brother Grant forward and Weston center. Several other brothers and pledges are out and should make a good showing.

Our annual Hallowe'en party was the most enjoyable affair of its kind we have yet enjoyed. The planning and carrying out of this event is given entirely to the pledges. It not only removes much responsibility from the brothers but gives the pledges an increased interest in the affairs of the fraternity.

By winning the local preliminary to the state oratorical contest November 27, Iowa has won her sixth straight local oratorical. Brother Charley Bloomquist will represent Wesleyan and Sigma Phi Epsilon at the state contest to be held in January. We expect Brother Bloomquist to maintain the high standard set by Brothers Heller and Newell in state oratoricals.

The Glee Club under the management of Brother Floyd Hagie

will make a three weeks trip during the Christmas holidays.

We have recently enjoyed visits from the following Alumni, Brothers Heller, Claude Hayes, Jordan and Taylor. The visits of "has beens" is always an inspiration to the active chapter.

Fraternally,

IOWA ALPHA.

*Edw. F. Weston,  
Chapter Historian.*

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## COLORADO BETA

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

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Meets each Tuesday evening at 8:00 p. m., at the Chapter House, 1939 East Evans Avenue, University Park, Denver, Colorado

Christmas holidays will soon be with us, and Colorado Beta sin-

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CAPTAIN BINGHAM, COLO. BETA.  
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cerely hopes that every Sigma Phi Epsilon will have a Merry Christmas and a most profitable New Year.

We wish to introduce seven new men who promise to uphold the principles of Sigma Phi Epsilon. These men are:

Donlad Hoffman, Law, '16.

Joseph McCrea Lort, Arts, '18.

John Hoover Price, Arts, '18, Denver, Colorado.

Edwin William Knauss, Arts, '17, Denver, Colorado.

Arthur Loy Anderson, Arts, '18.

Fred Stuart Bunger, Jr., Arts, '18.

Royal William Anderson, Arts, '18.

Colorado Beta has the honor of starting in the second generation of Sig Phi's, as Brother John Price is the son of Brother Price of Kansas Alpha.

Many honors have come to us so far this year, not the least of which is the choosing of Brothers Bingham and Morris on the All Rocky Mountain team as tackle and fullback. Altogether nine of our men played on the Varsity. L. Bingham, captain, end and tackle; G. Bingham, tackle; C. Scogin, right end; W. Morris, fullback; Preston, end; Hoffman, right guard; Weinberg, right tackle; Eaton, left guard; Bunger, halfback.

In the last game of the year, in which we were beaten by our traditional rival, the University of Colorado, by a score of 6-0, it was interesting to note that both captains were Sigma Phi Epsilons. Pledge Ragsdale was captain of the Freshman football team. Brother Bunger has issued the call for candidates for the basketball team. Four Sigma Phi Epsilon's are in the squad.

As to social events, one of the most pleasant so far this semester, was a Hallowe'en party given in honor of the chapter at the home of Brother Francis E. Knauss of Colorado Alpha.

We have not only been honored in athletics but in other college activities as well:

Brothers Reeves and Miller have been elected members of the Scroll and Torch, the honorary historical society.

Brother Reeves has been elected manager of the senior play.

Brother Williams has been elected President of the Senior class of the Dent School.

The following brothers have visited us since last issue of the Journal:

Brothers Parker, Dunklee and Doerner, of Colorado Alpha.

Brother Weldon, California Alpha.

Brother Hunt, District of Columbia Alpha.

Brother Ewing, of Nebraska Alpha.

We hope to be able to entertain many others during the year.

Faternally,

COLORADO BETA.

*J. I. Williams,*  
*Chapter Historian.*

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**TENNESSEE ALPHA**

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**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**

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Meets every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. in Chapter House, 1218 West Clinch, Knoxville, Tennessee

Tennessee Alpha at this time finds herself busily engaged in preparation for the first term examinations which are little more than a month away, but we feel sure that all of us will come out "to the good" as usual.

This is our second year at the University of Tennessee and we feel proud of the progress made here so far. This year "Tenn" won the football championship of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association and on that team we had three men who made their T's, and we are glad to say that these men will be members of the team for the coming year, and it is not only on the football team that we have representatives but in every student activity here at the "Hill."

Since our last letter we have a few visitors from other chapters, these being, Brother Cande, of Massachusetts Alpha and Brother Turner of Washington Alpha. We were very glad to have these brothers with us and hope they may have an opportunity to visit us again sometime. We are always glad to welcome visitors and wish that we could have visits from more of the "fellows."

At our last dance, on November 24th we were glad to have with us, Brother Moore of Pennsylvania Delta and Brother Allred, from Allred, Tennessee. These old men always have something good to tell us and we hope it will be possible for them to be present at all our social affairs.

Four of us were at the Conclave, and every man says that he had the greatest time of his life. The brothers of Georgia Alpha sure were "there" when it came to entertaining us and we feel very much indebted to them for our pleasurable stay in Atlanta.

At the beginning of this year we ushered into the fraternity, three new brothers, and we feel sure that each of these men has all the qualifications of a Sigma Phi Epsilon. We take pleasure in introducing to the fraternity at large:

G. W. Small, Lit., '17, Knoxville, Tennessee.

F. R. Gilbreth, Chem. Eng., '17, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

M. A. Vowell, Lit., '18, Martin, Tennessee.

A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to you all.

Fraternally,

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

*E. H. Malone,*

*Chapter Historian.*

**MISSOURI ALPHA**

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

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Meets every Tuesday night in the Chapter House, 1407 Rosemary Lane,  
Columbia, Missouri

We extend to our sister chapters the warm and sincere greetings of the season and hope this Yuletide will be one of joy and cheer that will long be remembered.

It seems that our prayers for the best conclave ever, were answered for it was a success in every way. The enthusiasm reached out to Columbia and has not declined an appreciable amount since Brother Carsons return. His report of the meeting was so enthusiastic and inspiring that it has given us an added impetus and we are doing things. Our bunch this year is composed of men who are up and doing and as a result we are enjoying the most prosperous year of our existence. Since the last letter to the Journal we have initiated seven men. We wish to introduce to the brothers the following:

Donaldson Chapman, Law, '17, Chillicothe, Mo.

Paul Francis Cropper, E. E., '17, Keytesville, Mo.

William S. Denham, Arts and Science, '16, Billings, Montana.

Jeremiah Fruen, Agriculture, '17, Meadville, Mo.

John Domer Hopkins, Post-Graduate, Farmington, Mo.

Harold Burton Hutchinson, Journalism, St. Joseph, Mo.

Joseph Henry Pierson, Law, '17, Kansas City, Kansas.

We are proud of the new members and feel that the best fortune we can wish our sister chapters is that they may secure men just like them.

On October 30th we gave a dance at the chapter house for our new members and for the pledges. About seventeen couples were present. It was one of the best dances we have ever given and since it was so successful we are going to give our second of the year on December 12th and we hope it will be even better than the first.

On Saturday before Thanksgiving the Missouri Tigers won from our ancient foe the Jayhawk team of Kansas University at Lawrence, Kansas. The Chapter journeyed to Jayhawk land in a body and on the return trip had a reunion in Kansas City at which almost all of our Alumni and active members were present. It was certainly a jolly, good, bunch of fellows at the meeting and was proof of the fact that the principles of our fraternity mean much to the members both in and out of school.

Then on Thanksgiving day we had a fine get-to-gether meeting at the chapter house. With so much enthusiasm and Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit in the air it was a day that will long be remembered. We



ended the day with a banquet at which sat all our active members and pledges who made the house ring with cheers, toasts, and songs for the best fraternity in all college land. Every one of the brothers at Missouri Alpha feels that both locally and nationally this will be a year remarkable in the growth of the fraternity.

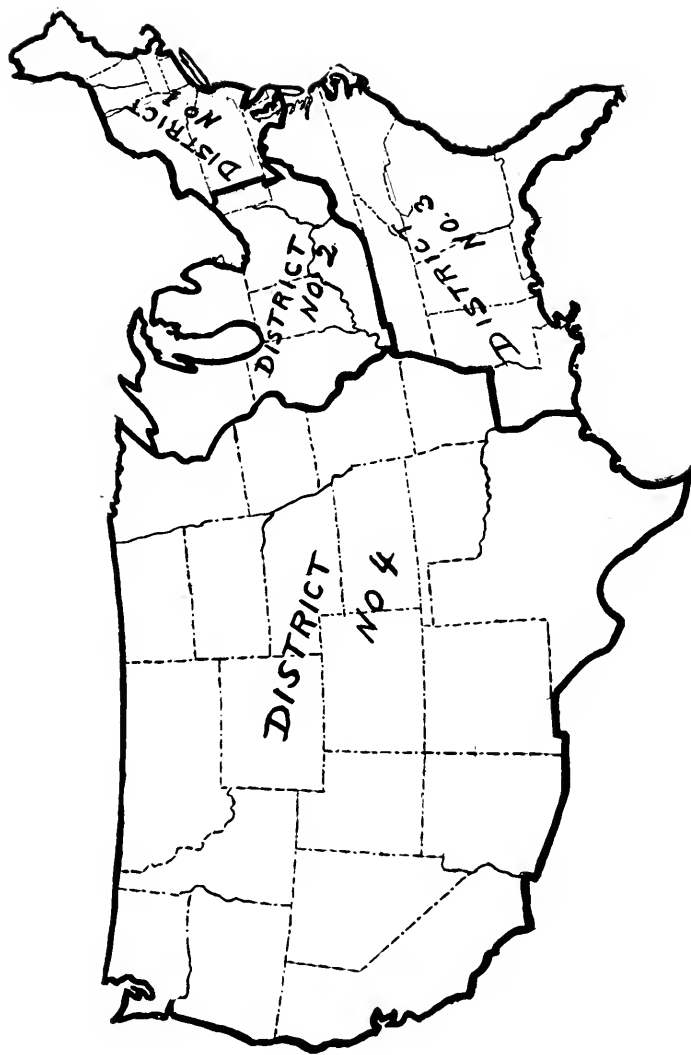
In closing we wish to call the attention of the brothers that our latch string is always hanging out and we will be more than pleased to have you stop with us when in Columbia. With our sincere wishes for a happy holiday season and a new year full of good fortune, we are

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MISSOURI ALPHA.

*Boyd L. Greever,*  
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